Grand Saline City Council
August 17, 2022
Special Called Meeting Minutes
7:30 P.M.

A Special Called Meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Jennifer Henderson, and Councilmember Kathy Smith.

Invocation given by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present – Melisa Milliorn, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, McKenzie Chandler, T.J. Foster, Destry Sills, Jeremy Barker, Christian Barajas, Mary Corrales, Teri Everett, Jessica Garza, Kevin Bridger, Gary Pettis, Parker Kindle, Jack Miller and Taylor Burns-Morgan.

Others Present: Bert Fite, Preston Anderson, Brandi Morris, Sheila Barker, Jerry Barker, Brandy Stanley, Chad LaPrade, Patrick Rowe, Jon Burns, Joe McCraw, Vanessa Pettis, Michael Sullivan, Virginia Williams, Vanessa Morrow, Pat Taylor, Mike Taylor, Shanda Elder, Nick Haley, Kenneth Wright, James Gray, Dean Phillips, Walter Dugan, Sharon Presswood, Dustin Mason, Lance Wyatt, B.J. Bolin, Dalton Pettis, Erin Miller, Aaron Miller, Judy Rowton, Garrett Morgan, Jennifer Kindle, and Brett Kindle

Public Participation – Four citizens signed up to speak during Public Participation. Kelley Jones was asked if he wanted to speak during Public Participation and declined to speak. Patrick Rowe, Walter Dugan, and Erin Miller elected to speak during Item #5.

2020-2021 Financial Audit – Mike Ward presented information and explained the results of the audit. Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Financial Audit with the amendment of changing Councilmembers Jennifer Henderson to replace Kathy Smith. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-115 Abandoning Portion of City's ROW on East Wolfe-City Attorney explained the need for the Ordinance. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to Approve. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-116 Abandoning Portion of City's ROW in Alley– Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to Approve. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session to Discuss Public Safety Director (Item #5)- Patrick Rowe spoke on behalf of the GSVFD. Walter Dugan spoke in support and appreciation of Public Safety Director Jeremy Barker and the GSPD. Erin Miller spoke in support and appreciation of the GS High School Fire Academy and Instructor Jeremy Barker. Mayor Gunnels opened to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel), Public Safety Director Jeremy Barker requested to have the Executive Session held in Open Session for all to hear. Councilmember July Cato presented her information and allegations to Council for consideration. Public Safety Director Jeremy Barker defended allegations and offered explanation for questions.

Council Convened into Closed Section Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 (Legal Advice) at 8:37 pm.

Council returned from Closed Session at 8:52 pm.

No Action Taken regarding Executive Session Items 5 or 6

Council Comments/Future Agenda Items- Councilmember Kathy Smith requested discussing the Street Repair Budget. Mayor Gunnels requested the Sanitation Solutions Contract be a discussion. Councilmember July Cato a follow-up meeting.

Adjourn-Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Kelley Jones requested to speak after meeting was adjourned and was denied.

Jeremy Gunnels

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

Melisa Milliorn

ATTEST: Melisa Milliorn, City Secretary/Assistant City Administrator

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