Grand Saline City Council
February 20, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Ridge Tardy. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember Kathy Smith, Councilmember Aaron Miller, Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember Leah Lamb present.

Invocation given by Pastor Mac Pryor of Sand Flat Baptist Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present – Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Logn Craft, Mary Corrales, Brandi Collard, Destry Sills, Bert Fite, Christian Barajas, Samantha Boyd, Sevy Lopez, Debra Collins, Adam Alsheriffi, Teri Everitt, Dylan Bettinger, Kevin Bridger, Tomsa King.

Others Present: Scott Snodgrass, Rev. Benjamin Morrell, Catrennia Williamson, Jan Adamson, Latisha Conatser, Patsy Tunnell, Evie Boyd, Glen Morris, Daniel Brooks, Zach Ricks, Janice McLeod, Patsy Pryor, Mack Pryor, Micah Lowe, Jeremy Gunnels, Naci Ralph, Sheri Kent, Marian Gardner, Donna Harrison, Karen DeBolt, Carolyn Griggs, Dan Whitmore, Tara McBeath, Ben Morrell, Tammy Chitty, Kyle Thompson, Virginia Bridger, Michael Reich, Dianne Reich, Scott Gorby, Sheila White, Heath Yates and Angela Kindle.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Aaron Miller made a motion to approve the minutes for January 24, 2024 Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Kathy Smith abstaining.

Approve financials for December 2023 and January 2024 – Moved to Item G

City Administrator Report: Dana Clair reported that there needs to be a workshop set up to discuss the pool. Van Zandt news did not publish ad on the correct dates for the water/sewer loan as required, therefore it will be March before this can be presented to the Council. Memorial drive UMC Houston – annual camp. TWDB sewer grant – Nic the engineer on the project has submitted updates that TWDB required. He stated that things will progress very quickly from this point. Nic also stated that his office has been sending emails and calling every week to move this along.

Public Participation – None.

Benjamin Morrell requesting permission to place a multi family dwelling developed at 1500 N. Spring Street - Councilmember Smith made a motion for City Attorney to amend the current Ordinance and place on the March 2024 agenda. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. motion carried unanimously.

Sheri Kent licensed Realtor speaking on behalf of Olivia Esquivel to re-plat Property ID R000013333 Acres 9.390 Abst: 46 Sur: Sam Bell – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve replating the property id as **R000013333 Acres 9.390 Abst: 46 Sur: Sam Bell.** Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. motion carried with Councilmember Aaron Miller abstaining.

Discuss the Sale of City Property on Hickory Street – Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to have Property on Hickory Street appraised for fair market value. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Planning and Zoning Board and their duties – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to update the Ordinance to follow open meetings act and place on March 2024 agenda. Councilmember Aaron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved the City of Grand Saline Organizational Chart – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the City of Grand Saline Organizational Chart with Accounts Payable being added to the City Secretary and two SRO positions under Public Safety Director. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Ward's letter of intent to Audit The City of Grand Saline – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Mike Ward's letter of intent to Audit The City of Grand Saline. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mike Ward - Discussion regarding City pf Grand Saline financials, funds and accounts - Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 financials. Councilmember Aaron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Kathy Smith against.

Grand Saline Public Library Advisory Board Guidelines – Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the Grand Saline Public Library Advisory Board Guidelines. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Grand Saline Public Library Civic Center Rental Agreement – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the Grand Saline Public Library Civic Center Rental Agreement with addition that non-profit organizations do not pay rental but do put up deposit. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Grand Saline Police Department 2023 Racial Profiling Report – Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the Grand Saline Police Department 2023 Racial Profiling Report. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Grand Saline Fire Marshal's 2023 Racial Profiling Report – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the Grand Saline Fire Marshal's 2023 Racial Profiling Report. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Denny Wheeler/Piney Woods – discuss future weather issues – No action taken.

Logan Craft/Public Works director advise Council with problems and quotes at Well Three – Councilmember Leah Erwin approved for Public Works Director to go with Texas Pump & Controls, LLC to repair well three. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and take action as necessary to improve communications and service to the citizens we serve, and the council members. What can we do better? No action taken

Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Gov. Code 551.074 – Personnel Matters to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee. Beverley Pearson. Beverley Pearson requested this complaint be heard in open session. Council convenes into Executive Session in Open Session at 8:26 p.m. Beverley Pearson requested the complaint filed by Councilmember Kathy Smith be dismissed. Councilmember Kathy Smith stated that she did not place this complaint on the agenda for a action to take place.

Open session to take action that may be required from executive Session Gov. Code 551.074 Personnel Matters. Beverley Pearson. - Council convenes into regular open session at 8:43p.m. – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to drop the complaint filed against Beverley Pearson by Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Gov. Code 551.074 to discuss the Duties of Councilmembers - Council convenes into Executive Session in Open Session at 8:48 p.m.

Open session to take action that may be required from executive Session Gov. Code 551.074 Duties of Councilmembers - Council convenes into regular open session at 8:55 p.m. - No action taken

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Councilmember Kathy Smith requested that Assistant City Administrator be removed from the City Secretary job description. Mayor Tardy wants a town hall meeting scheduled pertaining to the Eclipse. Councilmember Kathy Smith requested budget amendments be added to the March 2024 agenda.

Adjourn: Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

