Grand Saline City Council

September 8, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by Jason Ivy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade, Lisa Morrison and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun, David Cox, Ridge Tardy and Jim Lea.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020 and August 25, 2020 meetings. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith a motion to approve the July 2020 financials with corrections to the first five line items and Debt service. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-108 – Adopt the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried with Jason Ivy opposed.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-109 – Adopt the tax rate of $.91000. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-110 Personnel Policy with the additional verbiage added to the overtime section pertaining to a holiday week . Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-15 – Appointment of directors for two year terms to serve on the Economic Development Board. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-24: Approving a finance contract between the City of Grand Saline and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing "Vehicles and Equipment. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to appoint David Cox to fill an unexpired term until May 2021 election. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to appoint Ridge Tardy to fill an unexpired term until May 2021 election. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell sustaining.

Ridge Tardy was sworn in by Judge Beverley Pearson.

Council discussed Sanitation Solutions Increase in rates. No Action taken.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the 2020 Goody Trail/Trunk Treat on October 31, 2020 with Covid recommendations implemented. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell against.

No Action taken on Insurance Discussion.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Mr. Fees to do an appraisal of the City Lake for $8500.00. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No action taken on Water and Sewer rates.

Council requested a workshop on the implementation of "Emergency Communication Protocols".

City attorney Blake Armstrong updated the City Council Members on the Museum.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Gunnels

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

Dana Clair

ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary