Grand Saline City Council
March 19, 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 Aaron Miller, Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember Leah Lamb present. Councilmember Kathy Smith was absent.

Invocation given by Pastor Benjamin Morrell 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, Christian Barajas, Teri Everitt and Jeremy Barker.

Others Present: Daniel Brooks, Zach Ricks, Robert Haberle SPI, Benjamin Morrell and Jake Lawrence.

Approve minutes of previous meetings: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the minutes for February 20, 2024 Special Called Meeting. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for February 2024: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the February 2024 financials. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: Dana Clair reported on the progress of the pool. Also discussed streets Council would like to have done this summer. She informed the Council that Logan Cr

Public Participation: None.

A Public Hearing concerning a rezone of property located at 1500 N. Spring from a single family residential (SF-1) to a multi-family residential (MF-1) owned by Richland Heights Baptist Church was called to order at 6:09 p.m. No one was present for the hearing.

Closed Public Hearing and went back into Regular Session at 6:10 p.m.

Ordinance 2024-102 – Rezone Richland Heights Baptist Church property located at 1500 N. Spring Street: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-102. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Brandi Morris, Councilmember Leah Erwin and Councilmember Aaron Miller for and Councilmember July Cato against.

Ordinance No. 2024-103 - Discuss and consider adoption of an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the $1,643,000 City of Grand Saline, Texas combination tax and revenue certificate of obligation, series 2024 for Utility system improvements; levying an annual ad valorem tax and providing for the security for and payment of said certificate; and enacting other provisions relating to the subject: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-103 with the amount being $2,355,000.00. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and consider awarding a Professional Services Contract to Schaumburg & Polk, in connection with Utility System Improvements: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the Professional Service Contract to Schaumburg & Polk. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Zack Ricks and Jessica Brooks: Discuss replating property at 601 N. Spring Street, Grand Saline: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve replating property at 601 N. Spring Street. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2024-104 Planning and zoning updates: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-104 Planning and zoning updates. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2024-01 – Requesting Street Closure for the Main Street Festival on April 20, 2024: Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-01 – Requesting Street Closure for the Main Street Festival on April 20, 2024. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Corporation requesting approval for the renewal of Financial Investments in the amount of $51,325.34: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the renewal of Financial Investments in the amount of $51,325.34. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss appointment of Robert B. Gray and Barbara Garland to the Grand Saline Public Library Advisory Board: Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Robert B. Gray and Barbara Garland to the Grand Saline Public Library. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Department of Public Safety-Failure to Appear Program: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Interlocal Cooperation Contract with the Department of Public Safety-Failure to Appear Program. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Grand Saline Texas Municipal Court Confidentiality Policy and agreement: Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the Grand Saline Texas Municipal Court Confidentiality Policy and agreement. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Morton Salt – Need Council direction as to how far back and if the Council wants bill Morton Salt for incorrect billing: Councilmember Aaron Miller made a motion to have City Attorney draft a letter to bill Morton Salt back to October of 2023. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Location of Regular City Council Meetings: Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve moving the City of Grand Saline Council meetings to the library located at 201 N. E. Pacific, Grand Saline Tx. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning and Zoning Board appointments: Councilmember July Cato made a motion to reject Catrennia Williams application due to the requirement of a board member must live in the city limits of Grand Saline. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt 2021 International building codes and appendix: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to adopt the 2021 International building codes and appendix. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental Reports: Reports were given by Department heads.

Council Comments/Future Agenda Items: Remove Billy York from the Grand Saline Library Advisory Board. Yearly evaluation of City administrator. EDC/Main Director job description. All city employee job descriptions.

Adjourn: Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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