Grand Saline City Council
October 12, 2021
Regular Meeting
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Jason Ivy, and Councilmember Jennifer Henderson.

Invocation was given by Jennifer Henderson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

Minutes- Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021, minutes. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials- The financials were tabled until the November 9, 2021, Council Meeting.

Public Comments- Dr. Jim Lea spoke during the Public Comments

City staff present -Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Jeremy Barker, David Savage, Kelli Bryant, and Tammy Weidman.

Others present- Dustin Mason, Sharon Presswood, Jimmie Williams, Judy Rowton, Bill Rowton, Tomasa King, Kay Barber, Jim Lea, Dean Phillips, Harry Clifford, and Rex White.

Ordinance 2021-107- Amendment of Article 13.03, Section 13.03.005, Subpart (H) in Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Deposit Rates and Requirements of Utility Accounts - Tabled until November 9, 2021.

Ordinance 2021-108 – Approve the 2021 Tax Roll- Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve

Resolution 2021-21 - Councilmember July Cato made a motion approve the Returned Check and/or Returned Bank Draft Policy for Insufficient Funds Received by the City. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-22 – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the updated City of Grand Saline Organizational Chart. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-23– Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Mike Ward's agreement letter to perform the 2020-2021 audit. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-25 – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to authorize, City Administrator, Tully Davidson to file a grant application with the East Texas Council of Governments for a regional sold waste grants program grant (Litter Abatement Officer). Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Mental Health Leave Policy for Peace Officers – Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve the mental health leave policy for peace Officers. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Emergency Response Provider Quarantine Leave Policy. – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the Emergency Response Provider Quarantine Leave policy. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve the 2022 Holiday Calendar- Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the 2022 holidays observed calendar. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Bids Received for Property Located at 101 &103 N. Main Street-The City of Grand Saline received one bid which was opened by Administrator, Tully Davidson. The bid was received from the Salt Museum Board in the amount of $78,500 for 101 N. Main and to deed 103 N. Main (the Main Street Office Building) valued at $50,000 to the City of Grand Saline. The Council will convene into executive session to consider the offer.

Executive Session – Adjourn to executive session at 7:20 p.m.

Reconvene into Open Session to take action from Executive Session at 7:43 p.m.- Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to accept the bid of $78,500 for the entire building located at 101 & 103 N. Main Street with the lease option of the Main Street Office at an annual rate of $1.00 with authorization to City Administrator Tully Davidson and Councilmember Jason Ivy to negotiate the terms of the lease. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Department Reports- Monthly reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/future agenda items –Parks Board Member Dustin Mason would like to be placed on the agenda monthly to update Council on progress of park improvements.

Adjourn-Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Councilmember Jennifer Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

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ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary