Grand Saline City Council
October 17, 2023
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 and Councilmember July Cato present. Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember Leah Lamb absent.

Invocation given by Councilmember Kathy Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present – Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Logan Craft, Mary Corrales, Brandi Collard, Destry Sills, Bert Fite, Christian Barajas, Adam and Teri Everitt.

Others Present: Nikki Rowan, Tammy Chitty, Andy Reese, Yvone Trent, David Cox, andLatisha Conatser.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for September 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting adding Government Code 551.071 to Section 7.A Ordinance No. 2023-121 Approve and adopt City of Grand Saline's 2023-2024 Budget and September 25, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Aaron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember July Cato abstaining.

Approve financials for April 2023 – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table the financials for September 2023. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: Dana Clair reported that the City would not be receiving the $30,000.00 on the Main Street Grant and the City would have to pay for replacing the handrails on Frank Street if so desire. Sewer line project was sent to the paper to run for two weeks. Michelle with ETCOG will be here on Monday, October 23, 2023 to start training on the GIS System. ETCOG awarded the City $1900.00 on the Solid Waste Grant. There will be a meeting held by Save the Pool committee on Thursday, October 19, 2023

Public Participation – County Judge Andy Reese presented the County wide Emergency Management Plan to the Council.

Resolution No. 2023-113 Appoint the Library Board Members – Councilmember Kathy Smith requested to go into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071. Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. Open Session at 6:43 p.m. Councilmember July Cato made a motion to appoint Latisha Conatser, Frank Churchwell, Sam Pugh to a three year term and Billy York, Vickie Dunlap, David Cox to a two year term. Councilmember Aaron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2024 City Holidays – Councilmember Aaron Miller made a motion to approve the 2024 City Holidays. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2023-2024 Budget Adjustments – Councilmember Aaron Miller made a motion to table the Budget Adjustments. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion requesting that a copy of the requested adjustments be emailed to the Councilmembers. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve changing November 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to move the November 21, 2023 regular council meeting to November 14, 2023. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023-124 Street Closure For the Goody Trail "Trunk or Treat" – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-124. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Juli Neace – Ordinance No. 2015-111 $100.00 Water Account Deposit Policy – Moved to the November 14, 2023 Regular Council Meeting due to Ms. Neace was unable to attend the October 17, 2023 meeting.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Councilmember Kathy Smith stated that she would like to see our local Pastor's to be invited to our Council meetings and lead Council in the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Kathy Smith would like to discuss streamlining the Council Meetings and placing our Council packet on our website.

Adjourn: Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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