Grand Saline City Council
February 8, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
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. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Jason Ivy, and Councilmember Jennifer Henderson.

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, David Savage, Jeremy Barker, Kelli Bryant, Tomasa King and Kay Barber.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong, David Cox, Jimmie Williams, Diane Howerton, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade, Dustin Mason, Kathy Smith, Thomas G. Hill, Kelly Ivy, Rex White, Linda Mayhugh, Judy Rowton, Bert Fite and Ruth Savage.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 11, 2022. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for January 2022 - Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the financials for January 2022 as presented. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation – Kathy Smith requested that the Darby Building be placed back on the agenda for the Museum. Linda Mayhugh – EDC Board member requested that the Main Street Position be kept a full time position.

Ordinance 2022-102 approve Update To The City of Grand Saline Policy Manual-Specifically Chapter 7 A. Use of City Vehicles – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve a twenty (20) mile round trip for City vehicles to used for take home vehicles. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

East Texas Council of Governments-Interlocal Contract for City 9-1-1 Database Maintenance – Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the East Texas Council of Governments Interlocal Contract for City 9-1-1 Database Maintenance. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-01 Approve The EDC Bylaws - Councilmember July Cato made a motion to table until the March 2022 meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Grand Saline Fire Marshal Racial Profiling Report – Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve the Fire Marshal Racial Profiling Report. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss COVID Leave Policy and Action as Necessary – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to revert back to traditional sick leave policy excluding the Police department which will remain under the COVID leave policy set by the State. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Ridge Tardy against.

Approve Interlocal Agreement for Animal Shelter Services with The City of Canton – Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve the Interlocal agreement for Animal shelter with The City of Canton. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Main Street/EDC Position and Action as Necessary – No Action Taken

Approve Lease Agreement Between The City of Grand Saline and Property located at 204 N. Green Street (Richie's by The Sea Restaurant) – Councilmember Jason Ivy made the motion to approve a one (1) year annual renewable lease agreement between the City of Grand Saline and Richie's By The Sea Restaurant until April 1, 2023. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve City of Grand Saline Police department Racial Profiling Report – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the Grand Saline Police department racial Profiling report. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Frank Street Sanitary Sewer Line Improvements Recommended Bids (Grant #7220152) – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the Frank Steet Sanitary Sewer Line Improvements. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve 2022 Holiday calendar for Police Officers and City employees – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made motion to approve the Police Officers holiday calendar and the City employees' calendar. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Convened into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session at 8:41 p.m. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to accept the retirement of City Administrator, Tully Davidson effective October 12, 2022. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

No Council comments

Future agenda items – Councilmember Jason Ivy requested an update on City Lake be placed on the March 2022 agenda.

Adjourn-Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Gunnels

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

Dana Clair

TEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary