Grand Saline City Council Meeting
203 N. E Pacific Street
February 18, 2025 6:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin. Mayor Pro Tem announced a quorum was present with the following present: Mayor Pro Tem/Councilmember Leah Erwin, Councilmember Scott Gorby, Councilmember Scott Snodgrass, Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember Tara McBeath.

Invocation was given by Chris Means followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

City Staff Present: Beverley Pearson, Blake Armstrong, Jeremy Barker, Severiana Lopez, Joel McCraw, Brandi Collard, Christian Barajas, Ryan Wilkes , Dylan Bettinger and McKenzie Chandler.

Others present: Nic Kiru (Jacob/Martin), Clay Sisk (GS Sun), Rob Barthen (GrantWorks), Chris Means, Ronna Chapman, Nancy White, Jeff Simmons (SPI), Kathy Smith, Leah Rosson, Kristi Maciel, Brian Milliorn and Cliff Williams.

Approve minutes of January 21, 2025 regular meeting and January 28, 2025 EDC/Council meeting: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 and January 21, 2025 minutes. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve January 2025 Financials: Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve the January 2025 financials. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Secretary Report: Beverley Pearson advised that February 14, 2025 was the last day to file application for a place on the May 3, 2025 General Election ballot. There are a total of twelve candidates with two for the Mayor position and ten for two Council positions and that there would be a drawing on Monday, February 24, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for place on the ballot. Advised that she had met with Micha and Cindy from the school and we will be conducting our elections together.

Public Participation: Kathy Smith expressed her concerns about the February 185, 2025 council packet and the cost of it. She requested that the candidates receive a copy of the packets. Ms. Smith also ask questions of GrantWorks about Resolution 2025-04 until Mayor Pro Tem advised her she could only comment. Ms. Smith spoke on behalf of the citizens pertaining to the garbage rates. Ms. Smith had concerns of the cost of the take home vehicles for the Police department. Nancy White expressed her gratitude the Council for participating in a Sub-Regional Planning Commission (391). Cliff Willea spoke in behalf of the Grand Saline Police department to have take home vehicles.

Resolution 2025-04 RFP: *Discuss, consider, and select* ***administration/project delivery service provider(s)*** *to complete application preparation/project implementation for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program administered and funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 to appoint GrantWorks as the administrator the TCDBG Downtown Revitalization/Main Street program. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

Resolution 2025-05 RFQ: Discuss, consider, and select **engineering/architectural/surveying service provider(s)** to complete project implementation for the City of Grand Saline's Texas Community Development Block Grant Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program funding administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 naming Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. as engineering/architectural/surveying service provider for the TCDBG Downtown Revitalization/Main Street program. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-06 RFQ: Discuss and approve award to selected **engineering/*architectural/surveying service provider(s)*** *for grant pre-application, application and project implementation for the City of Grand Saline's 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund Program funded and administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Councilmember Tara McBeath* made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 naming Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. as engineering/architectural/surveying service provider for the TCDBG Downtown Revitalization/Main Street program. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Award the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Re-bid project TWDB 73854. Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to award the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Re-bid project TWDB 73854 Jacob & Martin. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chris Means requesting property on Bradburn to be rezoned from single family to multi family. Mayor Pro Tem made a motion to table Chris Means request to rezone property on Bradburn to a multi-family zone. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Gary Pettis/JB Nursery requesting Richland Blvd east side of Spring Street down 1803 be rezoned from zone R1 single family to MF2 High density. Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin made a motion to table JB Nursery's request to rezone Spring Street down 1803 from single family to MF2 High density. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2025-01 Street closure for the Grand Saline Main Street to hold the Battle of Bands festival. Councilmember Brandi Morris made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-01 Street closure for the Grand Saline Main Street to hold the Battle of Bands festival. Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Scott Gorby abstaining.

Ordinance No. 2025-103 Solid waste removal rates increase. Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin made a motion to increase the solid waste removal rate increase with the City of Grand Saline absorbing the increase and not passing along to the customers. Councilmember Scott Snodgrass seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Scott Gorby against.

Resolution 2025-02 Authorizing and Approving formation of a "Sub-Regional Planning Commission authorizing interlocal coordination with other Municipalities and Governmental Units and providing open meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-02 Authorizing and Approving formation of a "Sub-Regional Planning Commission authorizing interlocal coordination with other Municipalities and Governmental Units and providing open meetings with Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin, Councilmember Brandi Morris, Councilmember Scott Snodgrass, Kelly Scarborough and Steve Horowitz. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-104 Appointment of Planning and zoning board members. Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-104 Appointment of Planning and zoning board members removing Section 3. Appointments are as follow: three-year terms are Jeremy Gunnels, Chris Means and Brian Milliorn. two-year terms are Catrennia Williamson, Ruth Savage, Lance Mayhugh and Peggy Haverly. Councilmember Tara McBeath seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve updated zoning summary. Councilmember Tara McBeath made a motion to table the approval of updating the zoning summary. Councilmember Scott Gorby seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2025-102: Adopt City of Grand Saline Personnel Policy. Councilmember Scott Gorby made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-102 adopting the City of Grand Saline Personnel Policy adding that permanent part time employees get three days' vacation a year and permanent part time employees will receive longevity pay. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sergeant Gary Pettis Police take home car presentation. Councilmember Tara McBeath made a motion to allow Grand Saline Police Officers to have take home vehicles living within a thirty-mile radius of the City. Councilmember Scott Gorby second the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Scott Snodgrass against.

Department Reports were given by Department heads.

Future Agenda Items: None

Adjourn: Mayor Pro Tem Leah Erwin made a motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m.

Signed on 15th day of April, 2025.

Leah Erwin, Mayor Pro Tem

Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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