Grand Saline City Council

August 11, 2020

Regular Meeting 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. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by David Savage followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade, David Savage, Lisa Morrison, Destry Sills, Logan Craft, and Kelly Bryant.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Clay Richards – Grantworks, Ridge Tardy, Mrs. Sills and Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14 and 28, 2020 meeting. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No action taken July 2020 financials.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-21: Authorizing the filing of a Texas Department of Agriculture; and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried with Jason Ivy opposed.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-22: Designating the main street area as slum and blight. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-23: Authorizing submission of a 2020 Main Street application, authorizing signatory and committing matching funds. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve adopt 0.9100000 as the Proposed Tax Rate. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the Engagement letter for the 2019-2020 Audit by Mike Ward. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to end suspending credit card fees on water bills. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve charging a rental fee for use of The City Training Center Building; $100.00 refundable deposit, $100.00 fee per day, $50.00 fee for half a day; $100.00

refundable deposit for non-profit organizations; long term rental is to go before the Council. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Action taken on the Grand Saline Historic District/Mainstreet Overlay Zoning Zoning District

No Action taken on Council direction to City Secretary Dana Clair transferring money from Tex Pool.

No Action taken on Water Well.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Executive Session: 8:45 p.m. Deliberations about Real Property – to discuss sale and the value of the City Lake.

Open Session: 9:10 p.m. No Action taken on Executive Session

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: Water and Sewer Rates, Water Emergency disaster plan – Citizens Participation.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Gunnels

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

Dana Clair

ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary