Grand Saline City Council
November 14, 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, Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Brandi Morris and Councilmember Leah Lamb present.

Invocation given by Pastor Ben Morrell from the Richland Heights Baptist Church 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, Scott Snodgrass, Rev. Benjamin Morrell, Kelly Orvis, Julie Rickman, Chad Laprade and Ruth Savage.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for October 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting adding Government Code 551.071 to Resolution No. 2023-113 Appoint the Library Board Members, add to future agenda items streamlining City Council Meetings and placing the packet on the City website. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for September 2023 and October 2023 – Died for lack of motion.

City Administrator Report: Dana Clair reported that Michelle from ETCOG came to train on the GIS software. Main street Grant is in the process of closing, sewer line collapse, City wide cleanup event had 237 vehicles come through and 27 white goods were dropped off, and that there is a meeting with Shaumburg & Polk on Friday, November 17, 2023 if any of them would like to attend.

Public Participation – Cadem Moser spoke on behalf of the City Administrator and City Secretary about his concerns of the way they are talked to by Councilmember Kathy Smith. Scott Snodgrass spoke about his concerns with our ordinance that adds a penalty fee if not paid by the 10th of the month and why his $100.00 deposit could not cover that expense.

Ordinance No. 2023-124 2023-2024 Budget Adjustments – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the budget adjustments as presented by Councilmember Kathy Smith and the Gradall adjustment of $18944.00. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Holmes Murphy Insurance Renewal – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Option 2 with the HRA and the PEPM $5.00 credit limits. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Radios for Police Department – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to purchase the radios and discuss where to pay for them from at a later date. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Juli Neace – Ordinance No. 2015-111 $100.00 Water Account Deposit Policy – Juli Neace did not show. No action taken.

Center Point – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to not approve Center Point requested rates. Councilmember July Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023-22 Street Closure for Christmas on Main – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-22. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2023-23 Appoint Main Street Board Member – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-23 appointing Nanci Ralph to the Main Street Board. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Councilmember Kathy Smith request to place the Planning and Zoning Board on the agenda

Adjourn: Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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