Grand Saline City Council

May 14, 2019

Public Hearing 7:00 p.m. Drought Contingency Plan

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A public hearing of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following present: Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Don Yarbrough, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy. Councilmember Jaron Cude was absent.

No questions or comments presented.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Don Yarbrough and the motion carried unanimously.

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Invocation given by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present:

Tully Davidson, Alesia Mayne, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, David Savage.

Others Present:

Blake Armstrong, Bimmy Boyles, Margarett Boyles, Bill Rowton, Rex White, David Lange, Tammy Chitty, Dena Means, Johnny Thompson and Jeremiah Carnes.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made motion to approve minutes of the April 9, 2019, meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve financials as presented for April 2019. The motion was seconded Mary Jane Hollowell and motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to appoint Councilmember Don Yarbrough to fill the one year open position. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmembers Kathy Smith, Mary Jane Hollowell, Don Yarbrough and Mayor Jeremy Gunnels were sworn in by Judge Beverley Pearson.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to appoint Councilmember Don Yarbrough as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Ordinance # 2019-107 Drought Contingency plan. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Don Yarbrough and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith mad a motion to approve Resolution #2019-08 Salt Festival Street Closure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Don Yarbrough made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-09 Abandoning the City's ROW Laguna Lane. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table Resolution #2019-10 Abandoning the City's ROW Regal Lane. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Don Yarbrough made a motion to approve a temporary permit to sell wine at the Salt Festival with the contingent that the Wine vendor provide a TABC license. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve a variance for cooler sales at the Salt Festival with the Salt Festival responsible for placing warning signs at the entrance and exit. Council stated this is the last year the variance will be granted and the Salt Festival would be responsible to get their own TABC permit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to accept the 2018 Fire Marshal Racial Profiling report. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Don Yarbrough made a motion to table the Water Tower financing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy. The motion carried with Councilmembers Don Yarbrough, Kathy Smith and Jason Ivy in favor of and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell against.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve EDC to pay $24,800.00 for repair to the roof at the Grand Saline Salt Museum. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table the Youth Foundation agreement and requested a workshop for May 20, 2019. Councilmember Don Yarbrough seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to allow Tully Davidson and Mayor Jeremy Gunnels to continue with the lease agreement with UT Health.. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.

Tully Davidson updated the Council on the EMS Contract. No motion needed.

Tully Davidson advised the Council that he is getting more request to place equipment on the water tower. No motion needed.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Went into Executive Session at 9:47 p.m.

Open Session at 11:26 p.m.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve a 2% merit raise for Tully Davidson per his contract with the City of Grand Saline. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilmembers Mary Jane Hollowell and Jason Ivy in favor of with Councilmembers Don Yarbrough and Kathy Smith against. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels broke the tie voting in favor of.

Councilmember Don Yarbrough made a motion to move forward with the sale of the City lake with Tully Davidson getting appraisal and bring bids back to the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Kathy Smith ask about the railroad crossing at Houston Street. She requested a warning sign to be placed there.

Future Agenda Items:

Councilmember Jason Ivy ask what our interest rates were on our bank accounts.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to adjourn at 11:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

ATTEST: Alesia Mayne, City Secretary