Grand Saline City Council
July 18, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 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 Brandi Morris, Councilmember Leah Lamb, and Councilmember Kathy Smith present and Councilmember July Cato absent.

Invocation given by Jeremy Barker 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 Collier, Chris King, Tomasa King and Bert Fite.

Others Present: Nikki Rowan, Tammy Chitty, Sharon Presswood, Grant Adamson, Jan Adamson, Lee Stringer Lela Bryant Yvonne Trent, Kyle Thompson, Scott Simpson, Ruth Savage, Anna Fernandez, Jeff Fernandez, Brooke McCown, Randy Reagan, and Charlotte Reagan.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for June 13, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for April 2023 – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to place the financials for April 2023, May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023 on the August 2023 council meeting to allow a committee of Ridge Tardy, Kathy Smith, Dana Clair, and Beverley Pearson to work on current budget adjustments. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: Dana reported that the railing project has not been completed due to not being ADA compliant. Hired Stacy Figueroa as Court clerk. Glow Stick night at the poo was a success with a little over 200 in attendance. Dustin Mason bought lunch for the public works in appreciation of all their hard work in the parks.

Public Participation – Anna Fernandez spoke about dirty water on CR1606. Ann Mannewitz also spoke about dirty water and phone number on website. Sharon Presswood and Ruth Savage both spoke about the new railing placed in front of their buildings. Niki Rowan spoke on item L, the property behind Dairy Bar.

Aldo Morales – Signing of Plat: Elm/High/Bradburn – Mr. Morales was absent. Place on August 2023 agenda.

Revision of Grand Saline Public Library Board 2005 Bylaws relating to current City of Grand Saline organizational structure – Executive session 6:28 p.m. Revened 6:46 p.m. Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to terminate the Library bylaws and present an Ordinance at the August 2023 meeting. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Librarian Job Description - Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the Librarian job description. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Change the Library hours and day of operation to increase the availability to the Citizens – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the Library hours and days to be Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2023-110 Amending Ordinance No. 2022-118 Sec. 3.11.03 Cargo/storage/shipping containers – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-110. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Brandi Morris for and Councilmember Leah Erwin against.

Ordinance No. 2023-111 Amending Ordinance No. 2010-113 Chapter 1Article 1.06 Sealed competitive procurements – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-111. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2023-112 – Repeal Ordinance No. 2022-123 – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion approve Ordinance No. 2023-112. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Council Procedures and Decorum – Tabled. To be placed on the August 2023 agenda to allow the City Attorney to review them.

Approval of budget adjustments and/or transfers – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion placed an Ordinance for this item on the August 2023 agenda. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Donation of signage for Council Chamber of our national motto "In God We Trust" to be placed on wall behind the Council seating area – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve signage "In God We Trust" on the wall. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on the Sale of City Lake – City Attorney advised Council that the City has to find three (3) heirs of Adean Fackler on the .95 acreage. No action taken.

Update on City property behind the Dairy Bar – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to sell this property to Niki Rowan for fair market value of $200.00. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Update on auction of City equipment and vehicles – Dana Clair advised Council that she and Logan Craft are working on this and have to get pictures of the things to be sold. No action taken.

City Council vacant spot – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to take sealed applications until August 8, 2023 for the vacant spot. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EDC deposit $50,000.00 into a seven (7) month promotional CD with City National Bank – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve EDC to make the $50,000.00 deposit. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EDC deposit $150,000.00 into a thirteen (13) month promotional CD with City National Bank – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve EDC to make the $150,000.00 deposit. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Water Rates. Sewer and Water taps.

Adjourn: Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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