Grand Saline City Council

December 10, 2019

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

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

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Alesia Mayne, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Chad LaPrade, and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney and Danell Winsor.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to approve minutes of the November 12, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve financials as presented for November, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith. The motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to table the Revenue Stream Contract. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to approve the wording for "Public Participation" on the agenda with amendment to wording by removing "Criticism of city employees or staff is prohibited" and replacing it with " Criticism of city employees or staff shall be allowed, but only after all administrative remedies have been exhausted regarding any such complaint giving rise to the criticism." Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

"Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.007, members of the public may speak on an agenda item during the Public Participation section of the meeting or at the time the agenda item is called for discussion by the Mayor. Speakers shall be given three (3) minutes to speak. A speaker needing a translator and/or interpreter may be given six (6) minutes to speak. Criticism of city employees or staff shall be allowed, but only after all administrative remedies have been exhausted regarding any such complaint giving rise to the criticism. Those wishing to address the Council regarding an item not on the agenda must be a citizen, property owner or business owner of Grand Saline. Comments on such non-agenda items shall be limited to three minutes. The Council will not comment on items not on the agenda; however, the Council may refer the item to city staff for research, resolution or referral of the matter to the Council as a future agenda item."

Councilmember Jason Ivy made the motion to approve Resolution No.: 2019-31 Establishing Grand Saline Sun as the public newspaper for the City of Grand Saline. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made the motion to approve Resolution No.:2019-32 City of Grand Saline denying Rate increase within the City. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to approve ESD Contract. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made the motion to approve ESD room rental. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: no items were suggested: Councilmember Kathy Smith commented to save time, only scan documents that will be voted on.

Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

ATTEST: Alesia Mayne, City Secretary

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