Grand Saline City Council
June 14, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
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. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Jennifer Henderson, and Councilmember Kathy Smith.

Invocation given by July Cato followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present – Melisa Milliorn, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Caden Mosher, Mackenzie Chandler, T.J. Foster, and Kelli Bryant.

Others Present: Chad LaPrade, Andy Reese, David Cox, Judy Rowton, Bert Fite.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the minutes for April 6, 2022 Special Called Meeting and May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for May 2022 – Tabled until July 2022 Council Meeting.

Public Participation – David Cox gave report for Main Street during department reports

Library Grant-Contract Take Action as Necessary – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the Texas State Library Commission $8,080.00 Grant and recognize Dana Clair as the Official Empowered from the City of Grand Saline to enter into contracts. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Suspension of Take Home Vehicles and Take Action As Necessary - Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve take home vehicles for only Police Department employees residing inside the city limits of Grand Saline and only the Public Works on-call employee and foreman. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Signed Richies By The Sea Lease – Kathy Smith requested item be moved to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.072 (real estate).

2022-2023 Budget Process Update – Melisa Milliorn and Dana Clair gave update. No action taken.

Discuss the Removal of Tully Davidson from all City Bank Accounts – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the removal of Tully Davidson from all City Bank Accounts. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Retirement of Canine Figo Due to Medical Reasons– Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the retirement of canine Figo due to medical reasons and the sale of canine Figo to Officer TJ Foster for a sum of $10.00, which was paid for by Bert Fite with the Grand Saline Sun. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss K-9 Program – Councilmember July Cato presented information to the Council. No Action taken.

Elect New Mayor Pro Tem - Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to appoint Councilmember July Cato as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Present the New Organizational Chart-No Action Taken.

Resolution 2022-08 Approving Kyle Thompson as EDC Board Member – Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to approve Kyle Thompson as EDC Board Member. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Went into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss City Administrator, Tully Davidson, Fire Marshal, Tully Davidson Contracts and Richies By The Sea Lease.

Returned to Open Session at 9:23 p.m. – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to terminate the contract of City Administrator Tully Davidson effectively immediately paying all accrued leave and vacation time. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to terminate Tully Davidson from any Fire Marshal responsibilities and void the Fire Marshall Service Agreement dated October 10, 2022. Councilmember July Cato seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve Richies By The Sea Lease. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Councilmember July Cato and Councilmember Jason Ivy in favor. Councilmember Kathy Smith against.

Council Comment/Future Comments- Staffing Update Notifications, Ordinance/Code Enforcement Workshop, Demolition/ Lien Process, Appointment of Park Board Members, Status of Water Well, Agenda Process, Adverse Possession Deed Update, Appendix A Fee Schedule-Article A4.000 Building and Construction Related Fees, Amend Organizational Chart and Ordinance Sec.9.03.064 Organizational Relationships.

Adjourn - Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 p.m. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, ~~Jeremy Gunnels~~, Mayor Protem July Cato

Melissa Milliorn

ATTEST: Melissa Milliorn, City Secretary/Assistant City Administrator

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