**Grand Saline City Council**
**August 15, 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 Brandi Morris, Councilmember Leah Lamb, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember July Cato present.

Invocation given by Councilmember Kathy Smith 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, Bert Fite, Kay Barker Christian Barajas.

**Others Present:** Nikki Rowan, Tammy Chitty, Sharon Presswood, Grant Adamson, Jan Adamson, Catrennia Williams, Yvonne Trent, Micah Lowe, Scott Simpson, Ruth Savage, Scott Gordy, Erin Miller, Aaron Miller, Taylor Chitty, and Nanci Ralph.

**Approve minutes of previous meetings** – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for July 18, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve financials for April 2023 –** Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the financials for April 2023, May 2023, June 2023 and July 2023. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**City Administrator Report:** Dana reported that we had been busy working on the 2023-2024 budget. She reported that she will be attending the ETCOG grant meeting on August 22, 2023.

**Public Participation –** Ruth Savage spoke about the new railing placed in front of their buildings.

**Ordinance No. 2023-113 Amending the City of Grand Saline's 2022-2023 Budget Adjustments** – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the budget adjustments along with the committee to look at the financials on September 1, 2023 and September 15, 2023 and make necessary adjustments as needed. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Sharon Presswood – Grand Saline Sidewalk Project** – Mrs. Presswood and Ruth Savage spoke about their concerns with this project. No Action Taken

**Hayter Engineer to speak on behalf of the Main Street Grant** – Tyler Creamer updated Council and answered questions from the Council and Mrs. Presswood.

**Aldo Morales – Signing of Plat: Elm/High/Bradburn** – Mr. Morales was absent due to having surgery. Logan advised the Council that all is needed is the Mayor signatures.

**Approve and appoint new members to the Main Street Advisory Board -** Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve the Jennifer Sims, Linda Mayhugh, Scott Gorby, and Kay Barber. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve 911 ETCOG contract -** Councilmember July Cato a motion to approve the ETCOG contract. Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street requesting approval to place a memorial area in honor of Matt Means along the of the Genesis building** – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the Matt Means memorial with the correction that Main Street is doing this and not EDC. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2023-114 Establishing Regulations for the City of Grand Saline Public Library Board; Providing a Severability Clause' Providing a Repealer Clause; and Effective date** – Councilmember Kathy Smith requested to go into Executive session to consult with City Attorney Blake Armstrong. Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. Convene to open session at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-114. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Consider Proposal to adopt 2023 Tax Rate and Schedule Public Hearings** – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18 to place a proposal to adopt a tax rate of $.71 cents on the agenda of the September 19, 2023. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2023-117 Amending Ordinance 1.02.038 Special Meetings** – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-117. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2023-17 Designating the Van Zandt County Chief Appraiser of Van Zandt County Appraisal District As Officer to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax Rate and the Voter Approval Tax Rate in accordance with the Texas Tax Code** – Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No, 2023-17. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2023-118 Amend Ordinance No. 2016-117 - Water Rates, Garbage Rates, Sewer and Water tap fees** – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2023-118. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 2023-119 Amend Ordinance No. 2015-111 Late fees on water bills not paid by the 10th of the month to a flat Fifteen Dollars ($15.00) fee –** Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-119. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve City Council Procedures and Decorum Policy Manual -** Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the City Council Procedures and Decorum. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session: The Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 to discuss the appointment of a member for the vacant City Council Position –** Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. Convene to open session at 9:01 p.m. Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to appoint Aaron Miller to the vacant City Council position. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

**Council Comment/Future Agenda Items:** Property tax exemption for Residents over 65 years of age. Water Rates. Sewer and Water taps. Planning/Zoning Board Members

**Adjourn:** Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor

ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

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