Grand Saline City Council

November 10, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Logan Craft, and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the financials will be presented at a later date.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-113 Approve and adopt the Van Zandt County Appraisal 2020 tax roll. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-114 "Adopting a Parks and Recreational Board" with the stipulations that board members will be appointed by the City Council and the Board members will be required to take the "Texas Open Meetings Act' training. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-115 Approve the adoption of Ordinance declaring offensive odors to be a nuisance; providing a severability clause; provide a penalty clause; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-116 Budget Amendment-Gun Range Improvements. Approval of Ordinance 2020-116 died from lack of a second motion

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-117 Amendment of the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11; Taxation until the December 8, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-118 Southwestern Electric Power Company; existing electric rates and charges within the City to remain in effect. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-119 Electing to have the Public Utility commission of Texas exercise exclusive original jurisdiction over electric utility rates, operations, and services. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-105, amendments 2017-111, 2019-108, 2019-112 Building and Inspections Fees. Tabled until December 8, Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-29 suspending the effective date for 90 days in connection with the rate increase by Southwestern Electric Power Company. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator, Tully Davidson advised Council that he has received one bid for the construction of new restrooms at the Park. Councilmember July Cato made a motion to have City Administrator, Tully Davidson run ads in additional newspapers. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to accept the bid by Aspire Roofing to replace the roof at the Grand Saline Public Library. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to temporarily suspend credit card fees until the March 2021 Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator, Tully Davidson updated the Council on the appraisal of City Lake. Appraisal has not been completed at this time.

Councilmember Kathy Smith mad a motion to transfer the title from the City to the EDC for the Grand Saline Salt Museum building. This transfer of title will expedite the process of receiving grant funds. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director, David Savage updated Council on the land and well purchasing.

Public Works Director, David Savage updated Council on the Hwy 110 water line. A section of this line has been removed and will be replace at a future time.

City Administrator, Tully Davidson updated Council on "Emergency Response Notification Procedures" workshop. A workshop will be scheduled after the first of the year.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: Amend Animal Control Penalty Ordinances

Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Gunnels

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

Dana Clair

ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary