

The Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2014 was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle - Absent
Jennifer Nottingham
Mitch Thornton
Lynn Tiner
Jeff Waldrop

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley	Don Reddout	Aurelia Scharnhorst
Chief David Bejar	Marjorie Mautz	Madeline McCloskey
Laurie Hawkins	Brenda Reinhard	Murry Hughey
Lou Hoffman	Dottie Watt	Joni Simon
Freda Hoffman	Debbie Swisher	
Gigi Duke	Irene Scharf	
Susan Beavin	Susan Darst	
James Henry Frazar	James Swisher	

Mayor Reinhard declared a quorum. He stated Councilmember Nettle had surgery today and would not be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the October 28, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Waldrop, seconded by Councilmember Thornton and passed with 3 YES and 1 ABSTAINING by Councilmember Nottingham as she was not present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Dottie Watt stated she would like to thank the Police Department for all the help they've provided her this year. She stated they've helped her out a lot with her boys, more than anyone should have to. They have given her more help than she's ever received in her life and it's been very good help.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard reviewed the financials. We've received the first City payment from GFU. He stated there have been no big expenses and didn't see anything out of line. .

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nottingham stated Scenic Loop~Boerne Stage Alliance is about halfway to their goal to purchase the Historical Marker and have it installed. They are still accepting donations. Madla Park is looking very good. Texas Parks & Wildlife came out and did their project close inspection. They received an Amendment to the Project Agreement for items such as deleting garbage cans/water foundation and change such things as a composting toilet to renting a portable toilet. They feel it went very well and were told see you in 5 years.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

The October and November 2014 Monthly Activity Reports were reviewed. Chief Bejar stated they recovered stolen property from the burglary case and have returned them to the owner. They have suspects and continue to work the case.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard reviewed the October and November 2014 Monthly Activity Reports. Public Works continues to work on tree trimming, mowing/weed eating, road work, regular upkeep of the City/Madla Park and animal control. He stated Chris Mikel is not present this evening as he is home ill.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the utility continues to do well and work on their 5 year plan. They are on track with over 600 new meter sets this year. The water levels have gone up and are posted at City Hall. We continue to remain in Stage 1 Restrictions but need to remember to please conserve as we a near Stage 2.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated there were 2 calls in the City in October 2014, both Medical. There were no calls in November 2014 which is very unusual. He stated the Fire Department is very active with Public Relations activities. They are doing a Santa Run's and received first place in the parade through Helotes on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEXAR COURTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Mayor Reinhard stated Grey Forest and many local cities participate in the Bexar County Emergency Management Plan. The plan outlines and gives guidance on Bexar County's approach to emergency situations. The State requires they update it every 5 years and requires the input from jurisdictions that participate in the plan. The plan includes State mandated updates. Signing the Approval & Implementations says we're going to continue to participate in the Emergency Management Plan. Councilmember Nottingham stated if the City wishes to continue to participate, we really don't have the option or choice to change anything in the plan. The motion to authorize Mayor Reinhard to sign the Bexar County Emergency Management Plan Approval & Implementation was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Waldrop and passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON IF NECESSARY, NO PARKING IN THE CITY RIGHT OF WAYS

Mayor Reinhard stated the City received a petition about a specific property stating parking on the City right-of-way has become a public nuisance. Some of the issues with this specific complaint have been resolved but others haven't. The recommendation of the petitioners is to make Grey Forest Drive a "No Parking" zone. Chief Bejar stated there is some justification to the complaint due to the narrow streets. He stated Council can prohibit parking on City right-of-ways through Ordinance. They can make it no parking on right-of-ways through the entire City or can customize it by allowing parking if there's a set measurement requiring a certain area of clearance from the street to the vehicle. They can customize exemptions such as holidays, deliveries, guests, etc. Chief Bejar stated some areas are difficult to get through and obstruct the view. He stated he need's Council's guidance on what they want to do and they will enforce. The Parking Ordinance would need to be amended. We could post no parking on right-of-way signs at every entrance to the City. Councilmember Waldrop stated he's not necessarily opposed to it but wonders if we are creating an issue that's not really there. Councilmember Nottingham stated it's a problem. She had to call the City just the other day to have a truck moved because emergency vehicles would not be able to pass through. Councilmember Thornton stated it's definitely an issue on Grey Forest Drive and happening in other areas enough to take action on it. He stated we can prohibit it and then have a permit process for the exemptions. Councilmember Thornton made the motion to make Grey Forest Drive no parking on City streets and right-of-ways without a permit for exemptions. Mayor Reinhard asked for a second and there was none. Councilmember Thornton withdrew his motion. Councilmember Waldrop stated he would like to see this item tabled and have Chief Bejar bring back more specifics on where the issues are and recommend how to resolve. Council consented to tabling this item and asked Chief Bejar to bring back a recommendation.

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON IF NECESSARY, NO TRUCK THROUGH TRAFFIC IN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated this item came up during the budget process and over time in the past under Chief Rutledge. The concern is trucks traveling through Grey Forest on Scenic Loop Road and the condition of the road. The large trucks are

tearing up the road. Chief Bejar stated he contacted TX.DOT first and they referred him to the Traffic Code. The Traffic Code states the County Judge has the final approval. He contacted Bexar County, Engineering Services Manager and he stated Bexar County, Public Works will not currently support this prohibition. Scenic Loop Road is one of the only north-south corridors proving connectivity to Highway 16 and Scenic Loop Road up to Babcock Road is on the Major Thoroughfare Plan. Councilmember Waldrop stated he doesn't believe that and would like them to prove they can't be prohibited. Mayor Reinhard stated at this point he thinks Chief Bejar has done all that he can do. He suggests that he along with a Councilmember try to get a meeting to speak with the County Commissioner. At a minimum to see if they will help repave Scenic Loop Road if we can't prohibit the large trucks. Councilmember Waldrop volunteered to work on getting a meeting with Mayor Reinhard. Mayor Reinhard stated they will table this item until the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SETTING WORKSHOP DATE TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 45B

Mayor Reinhard stated Council is approximately halfway through review of Zoning Ordinance No. 45B. The next Workshop to continue review is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will confirm Council's availability later in the month.

5. DISCUSS AND GIVE UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR CITY ENGINEER

Mayor Reinhard stated we've identified a number of engineering firms that serve several of our surrounding cities. The committee working on the search has prepared a draft letter to these firms requesting their qualifications. They provided them a response due date of January 25th. We will mail the letters within the next couple of days. The committee will review the qualifications, interview as needed and bring back a recommendation to Council.

6. DISCUSS AND GIVE UPDATE ON SETTING UP MEETING WITH EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT (ESD) 8

Councilmember Thornton stated due to his work schedule, he was not able to pursue a meeting. Councilmember Nettle agreed to handle it. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilmember Nettle has been in contact with Linda Reeves, ESD 8 President. She has directed him to contact ESD 8 Administrator, Gil to set something up. He's had some discussion with Gil and is pursuing a meeting. Mayor Reinhard stated since Councilmember Nettle is out, he will contact Gil to set something up.

7. DISCUSS DECEMBER 7, 2014 WORKSHOP MEETING WITH SLPC BOARD

Mayor Reinhard stated Council had a Workshop with SLPC Board on December 7th to discuss a future working relationship. The Workshop had good discussions on what both sides hoped to get out of a partnership. They plan to meet again on January 4th or the 11th as an alternative date to put together a strong plan of approach that would benefit all citizens. We will confirm Council's and SLPC Board's availability later in the month.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawna Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written ~~amended~~ on the 27th day of January, 2015.

Signed: 
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor