

The Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2015 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle - Absent

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop - Absent

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Chief David Bejar

Chris Mikel

Brenda Reinhard

Sue Peavy

Dwayne Robinson

Don Reddout

Dottie Watt

Marjorie Mautz

Susan Darst

Susan Beavin

Shane Reddout

Kathleen McCloskey

Madeline McCloskey

Lou Hoffman

Murry Hughey

Joni Simon

James Henry Frazar

Mayor Reinhard declared a quorum. He stated Councilmember Nettle and Councilmember Waldrop are absent this evening recovering from minor procedures and send their regrets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 7, 2014 Workshop Meeting were reviewed. Mayor Reinhard stated page 1, 5th line down, the record should reflect that he along with Councilmember Thornton met with Marjorie Mautz and Aurelia Scharnhorst, not "Susan Darst". The motion to accept the December 7, 2014 minutes as amended was made by Councilmember Thornton, seconded by Councilmember Nottingham and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December 16, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the December 16, 2014 minutes as written was made by Councilmember Tiner, seconded by Councilmember Thornton and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the January 10, 2015 Workshop Meeting were reviewed. Councilmember Nottingham stated page 1, 18th line down, the record would read better to say those that were built 50 years "ago or more" rather than "or older". Page 1, 6th line from the bottom, the record should reflect "a" Councilmember "will be the point of contact" rather than "Councilmember Nottingham would be the point of contact". The motion to accept the January 10, 2015 minutes as amended was made by Councilmember Thornton, seconded by Councilmember Nottingham and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the January 11, 2015 Workshop Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the January 11, 2015 minutes as written was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Tiner and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Mayor Reinhard stated Presentations by Citizens and Visitors is an opportunity to make comments. City Council cannot discuss the subject but can ask for clarification.

Don Reddout stated the south end of Scenic Loop Road is deteriorating. He knows there are complaints about the trucks on Scenic Loop Road but getting water off the road is the biggest problem. He stated truck drivers are reluctant to deliver here because of the Sheriff's Department harassing them and they want to charge more. Don Reddout stated he knows he's in the minority and most people don't want the truck traffic out here, but in his opinion he doesn't think he should have to pay more to receive deliveries and they are just trying to make a living like the rest of us.

Dottie Watt stated she has been turned in for work that she is doing on her garage. She has lived here for over 40 years and all she is doing is trying to repair the garage door so it will open and close. She's tried to keep her home the best she can and be neighborly. There are many properties around her that are a nightmare and are getting away with things they never should. She doesn't know the status on whether she's going to have to remove the repaired door because of its material but she's doing the best she can to keep her property up.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard reviewed the financials. He stated we are about a third of the way through the budget year. He sees nothing out of line. We are under spent on several expense items but some is just due to timing.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nottingham stated Scenic Loop~Boerne Stage Alliance is about 2/3 of the way to their goal to install the Historical Marker. They are still accepting donations. The marker is ready for pickup once they raise the funds. The Madla Board is having a Fundraiser at SLPC on March 1st at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50.00 each and limited to 75 participants. It's a presentation by Dr. Ron Green on the Helotes Creek. They will have light refreshments. She would like to thank SLPC for working with them on getting this scheduled at the Club. WIAC has reconfirmed again that there will be no dam on Government Canyon. They are now looking downstream to manage storm water runoff instead of trying to build a dam.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

The December 2014 Monthly Activity Report was reviewed. Chief Bejar introduced new Reserve Officer, Magda Zavala. He stated she is retired from Leon Valley after 28 years of service.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Mikel reviewed the December 2014 Monthly Activity Report. Public Works continues to work on tree trimming, citizens brush chipping, road work, regular upkeep of the City/Madla Park and animal control. Chris Mikel stated they also chipped Sherwood Trail but forgot to list it on the Report. Councilmember Nottingham stated the San Antonio Invaders, a volunteer group that clears invasive species, continues to meet every Tuesday down in the Helotes Creek to clear invasives. They have been doing this for the last 2-3 months and we are very lucky to have them.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the utility continues to do well financially. The budget year for the utility runs from January through December. They ended the year with 500 new customers which is a very good growth rate.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Shane Reddout stated for the month of December, they logged 2,248 man hours. There was 1 run within the City limits. It was a report of a gas leak that led to a few minor issues. City Hall and the Police Chief were notified of the issues. He believes they have been resolved now. They did a Santa Run through the City limits and Christmas lights with SLPC. They did a Firewise Program with Texas Forest Services in January and had a really good turnout.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST BY THE GREY FOREST AREA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 112 TO ALLOW A CONTROLLED BURN ON SLPC PARK PROPERTY

Mayor Reinhard stated there has been a request from SLPC, on behalf of the Fire Department to approve a controlled burn at the SLPC ball field. This is typically a good way to address sticker burrs. Additionally, it will provide a training opportunity to the Fire Department. Mayor Reinhard stated Ordinance No. 112 allows burning in the City limits for Fire Department training upon approval by City Council. Susan Darst stated a date hasn't been set yet so they would like to keep that open. Shane Reddout stated there are a couple problems with Ordinance No. 112. Bexar County Fire Marshall

does not give written permits and Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) no longer exists. He stated although he's not sure if the controlled burn will accomplish what SLPC is trying to accomplish, the Fire Department does support the burn for training purposes. Mayor Reinhard stated since Bexar County Fire Marshall doesn't provide written permits and TNRCC doesn't exist, he believes Council can act on the remainder of the request. The motion to give the Fire Department approval to hold a controlled burn with a date to be determined on SLPC property and without written permits from Bexar County Fire Marshall and TNRCC was made by Councilmember Thornton, seconded by Councilmember Tiner and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. DISCUSS AND ACT IF NECESSARY ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 152, ADDRESSING PARKING OF VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS OR RIGHT OF WAYS

Mayor Reinhard stated this item was discussed at the December Council Meeting where the City received a petition about a specific property regarding parking on City right-of-way. It was addressed at that time it's a legit concern in many areas throughout the City due to the narrow streets. Chief Bejar was asked to put something together and bring a recommendation back to Council. Chief Bejar stated the current ordinance doesn't have anything prohibiting parking on City right-of-ways or shoulders. The biggest difference in the amendment would prevent parking on City right-of-ways or shoulders unless there's a certain distance between the vehicle and the street to be measured from the closest point of the vehicle to the street. Chief Bejar stated he put in the amendment 12 inches but Council can determine the distance. Councilmember Nottingham stated under Exceptions (b), Temporarily Disabled Vehicles should not be protected by flares. There was citizen concern that the stipulation of 12 inches is unobtainable. They would like to allow emergency vehicles to pass and the traffic to flow but in many areas that is unobtainable. Chief Bejar discussed Exceptions (3) and (4), where a Temporary Permit can be obtained where premises do not have facilities for parking on a temporary basis. Councilmember Nottingham stated she would like to see something a little leaner for parties. Chief Bejar stated the only problem you may have is if we don't have something uniform, it's going to be hard to enforce and more a judgment call. Councilmember Thornton stated he agrees there needs to be something consistent in place. Mayor Reinhard stated we could readdress Exceptions (4), Temporary Permits to park. It was agreed there would be no fees for permits, more a notification so the police know what's going on. It was agreed they would keep no overnight parking and Public Works could put up signs for it. Mayor Reinhard thanked Chief Bejar for working on the ordinance. He encouraged Council to come up with some thoughts and recommendations for Chief Bejar to readdress Temporary Permits. It was the consensus that this item will be placed on the next Agenda.

3. UPDATE ON TRUCK TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated Councilmember Waldrop volunteered to set up a meeting for this item and he wasn't provided an update prior to this evenings meeting. Once he has an update, he will put on a future Agenda for discussion.

4. UPDATE ON CONTINUED REVIEW OF ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 45B

Mayor Reinhard stated Council met on January 10th to continue review of Zoning Ordinance No. 45B. They tentatively scheduled a Workshop for January 31st but it looks like there will not be a quorum. He will try to put it out a week and reschedule for the following Saturday, February 7th.

5. UPDATE ON SEARCH FOR CITY ENGINEER

Mayor Reinhard stated the committee indentified seven firms and sent letters requesting their qualifications. Five firms responded expressing an interest. According to state law, engineers are prohibited from providing rate sheets. Selection is based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services. Cost information is negotiated in a contract at a fair and reasonable cost after a qualified engineer is selected. The committee will review the five Request

for Qualifications received, interview as needed and bring back a recommendation to Council at the next meeting. In addition to some Replat requests, the first step will be to evaluate the roads.

6. UPDATE ON SCHEDULING MEETING WITH EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT (ESD) 8

Councilmember Thornton stated he made contact with Gil Perez, ESD Administrator and met this past Saturday. Mayor Reinhard sat in on the meeting since Councilmember Nettle was not able to make it. They received a lot of good information but at this time there's not enough to make a decision. They were advised if the City wants to become a part of the ESD, it's possible. It's a twofold, the citizens of Grey Forest would have to accept becoming a part of the ESD and then the Bexar County population would have to accept the City in. Additionally, once you enter the ESD, you are there for good. Gil Perez stated there's a lot going on and his advice was to see what happens in the legislature. There's a proposed Bill out to reduce the tax rate for ESD's to 4%. Probably wait until around March to see what Bills make it. Additionally, the City of San Antonio is annexing up to Cielo Vista. A new station may or may not be built. Mayor Reinhard stated we will monitor.

7. UPDATE ON JANUARY 11, 2015 WORKSHOP MEETING WITH SLPC BOARD

Mayor Reinhard stated Council had a Workshop with SLPC Board on January 11th. Councilmember Thornton ran the meeting and there was good discussion. They continue to discuss the possibilities of conveying SLPC property and a future working relationship. The next Workshop Meeting is scheduled for February 8th to continue discussion.

8. DISCUSS COST AND IMPACT AND OTHER MATTERS FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF SLPC PROPERTY

Mayor Reinhard stated he is working on an acquisition plan if the City were to acquire SLPC property. He stated the acquisition plan is not saying the City is acquiring the property, but he would like to outline all that it would take if we were to move forward with it. Such as what's the process going to take, the cost and all that would be involved. He hopes to put together a skeleton plan and then Council put some flesh on it. Mayor Reinhard stated he will send it out once it's completed, but to remember Council can't discuss over email.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawana Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written ~~amended~~ on the 24th day of February, 2015.

Signed: Ronald G. Reinhard
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor