

The City Council Workshop Meeting of July 12, 2016 was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Marjorie Mautz

Aurelia Scharnhorst

COUNCILMEMBERS

Susan Darst

Lou Hoffman

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton - Absent

Lynn Tiner

A quorum was declared with Council member Darst, Council member Hoffman and Council member Nottingham present. Council member Tiner arrived at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Reinhard stated we haven't heard from Council member Thornton.

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WORKSHOP MEETING

1. CONTINUE REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON CITY OF GREY FOREST CODE OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Reinhard stated the purpose of the workshop is to continue review of the City Code of Ordinances that has been prepared by Franklin Legal Publishing. At the last workshop, Council reviewed through Chapter 6, Health and Sanitation. He would like to revisit Section 6, specifically Section 6.02.002, Prohibited Conditions. An issue that has come up over the past couple of months is weeds, brush or grass, in particular bamboo. Bamboo is technically a grass. According to our ordinance, it's unlawful to grow to a height greater than eighteen inches. Other cities specifically identify bamboo and prohibit it. Mayor Reinhard stated as we move through the code, Council needs to determine what they want the policy to be for the City. There are several properties throughout the City that has large bamboo and the question is, do we want to require it all to be cut. There was discussion on looking at setting restrictions requiring bamboo be setback a certain amount of feet from the property line. Mayor Reinhard stated he will look at more cities to see how they handle bamboo. Council member Nottingham stated at the last workshop, they asked her to look into regulations on allowing burning in the City. From what she can tell, Council has the authority to allow burning in the City if they wish to. It was discussed, in our area and as dry as it can get, it's not a good idea to allow burning. Chapter 7, Municipal Court was reviewed. Section 7.01.003, Municipal Judge and Section 7.01.005, City Prosecutor states they will be appointed every two years and we haven't been doing that. They are still covered since Council hasn't appointed a successor. Council agreed to remove appointment every two years for the Municipal Judge and City Prosecutor if state law allows. Section 7.01.004, Clerk; remove appointment every two years, that position is Belinda and is a City employee. Chapter 8, Offenses and Nuisances was reviewed. Section 8.02.032, Offenses; addresses the curfew ordinance for minors. We will follow-up to make sure we're in line with state law and readopting it every three years. Section 8.03.003(2), Specific noises prohibited; this list is outdated and needs to be updated or removed. Section 8.03.003(7), Specific noises prohibited; construction should only be allowed between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. and ten o'clock p.m. any day of the week. It currently states on weekdays. Section 8.03.003(a), General Restrictions; remove "including small arms ammunition". Section 8.04.003(b) General Restrictions; insert into section "Ammunition should be stored in secured fire proof safe". Section 8.06.002, Discharge of Firearm; insert into section "Ammunition should be stored in secured fire proof safe". Chapter 9, Personnel was reviewed. Section 9.02.033, Term of Chief of Police; remove two year

appointment provision and commencing dates. Section 9.02.036, Policies; Council member Hoffman stated the Employee Handbook should be outlined and included as part of the code. Chapter 10, Subdivision Regulation was reviewed. Section IV: Filing Compliances (F)(8)(c); to read "Impact on Emergency Medical Services for ambulance transport from within the City". Page 10A-9, Exhibit A Specifications (3); verify with the City Engineer if the plat needs to be drawn with India Ink. Page 10A-9, Exhibit A Specifications; it references the name of the proposed subdivision, or any of the physical features, must not be so similar in spelling or in pronunciation. Council member Nottingham stated they really shouldn't ever even contain the same word. It makes it very difficult for emergency services to find the address. Page 10A-12, Construction Standards; have the City Engineer review the entire section and make sure it's not outdated. Chapter 11, Taxation was reviewed. Section 11.03.002, Tax on residential use of gas and electricity retained; ask for an explanation of this section. Chapter 12, Traffic and Vehicles was reviewed. Section 12.04.004, Parking inoperable vehicle or trailer in driveway, front yard or side yard of residence; change "inoperable" to "unregistered". Section 12.04.005, Overnight Parking; verify the last update to this ordinance, the code references 2007 and we believe it's been updated since. Chapter 13, Utilities was reviewed. Article 13.02, Board of Trustees; Mayor Reinhard will ask Jeff English to review to make sure it outlines the current operations. Article 13.05, Solid Waste; Council would like to explore more options when the current contract expires, for example, once a week pickup and large recycle garbage cans. Article 13.06.001, Drought Contingency Plan; Council would like to consider incentive plans, for example, Grey Water Incentive Plan and incentives on least water used, rain catchments, etc. Section 13.06.008, Criteria for initiation and termination of drought response stages; Council member Nottingham stated she feels the trigger criteria should be more aligned with the Trinity Glen Rose. Mayor Reinhard stated he will ask Jeff English to give an explanation of the trigger criteria. Mayor Reinhard stated Chapter 14, Zoning does not have Amendment to Ordinance No. 45B incorporated into the code. He would like to skip this Chapter and have it incorporated into the code. Mayor Reinhard stated we'll send Franklin Legal Publishing the amendments to incorporate.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the City Council Workshop Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawana Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 23rd day of August, 2016.

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