

The Regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2012 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Chief Rutledge

Lieutenant Francis

Don Reddout

Lou Hoffman

Anthony Jackson

Ann Mabry

Gigi Duke

Pat Warr

Mandie Waldrop

Marjorie Mautz

Jerry Dobbs

Pat Tiner

Mark Peavy

Sue Peavy

Ed Scharf

Denise Newlin

Debbie Swisher

Virgil Crawford

David Bajar

A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 24, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard stated we are about a third of the way through the year and doing our best to work within the budget. Overall, approximately 36-37% of the year has passed and we've only spent about 26% in expenses. The Fire Department put on the first Citizen Education Program. Approximately 20-25 people attended and we've received feedback that it was a good session. Mayor Reinhard stated he has been in contact with someone to hold an Identity Theft Program. They are looking at the April-May time frame and will advertise again with postcards.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Nottingham stated Scenic Loop~Boerne Stage Alliance's most recent endeavor is to support the OST (Old Spanish Trail). It's a driving trail that was created almost 100 years ago. They are celebrating their 100th birthday in 2015. It runs from St. Augustine, Florida; through San Antonio in Leon Springs; to California. The part that is left in Leon Springs runs behind Rudy's; makes the curve; and when it comes back around under the overpass it hits Boerne Stage Road making it a part of the Boerne Stage Alliance. There is a huge development going in and they are looking at blocking it off. Scenic Loop~Boerne Stage Alliance has written several letters to see if the OST can be incorporated into the development instead of cutting it off. The Madla Board held their second park trash pickup and it was a success. There wasn't as much trash to pickup this time around. The pavilion is basically finished with just a few minor things to be fixed. They will start mapping out the landscaping this coming Sunday. The entrance is on hold because there are issues with the road crumpling on Menchaca and they are not going to put the entrance in until they get that fixed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Rutledge stated the January 2012 Monthly Report has been provided. They received the new police vehicle and it's out on the road. All equipment, etc. has been removed from the Crown Victoria.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Rutledge stated they hired Murry Hughey for the full-time Public Works position and are trying to get caught up due to not having anyone for several months. There are issues with equipment, bad batteries, tires, limbs, roads, etc. Brush chipping will start back up next week weather permitting. Councilperson Nottingham thanked Public Works for putting up the street signs on Hilltop.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated GFU didn't have a Board Meeting last week as they weren't able to get a quorum. The utility is doing well. Jeff English will be present at the next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated the January Incident Report has been provided. There were two medical calls for the month of January. Calls are picking up in the County. Pat Tiner thanked City Council for letting the Fire Department put on the Citizen Education presentation. The Easter egg hunt is March 31st. They are taking donations such as plastic eggs, etc. Cornyval is May 3rd through 6th. They will have two booths and are looking for volunteers. Animal vaccinations are scheduled for June 2nd from 2-4pm. Don Reddout thanked GFU for donating all needed related to gas for their room addition.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

Virgil Crawford stated they finished the audit January 6th. The Financial Statements provide an analysis of the financial activities of the City of Grey Forest General Fund and Water System Fund for the year ended September 30, 2011. Mr. Crawford briefly described what's contained in the report. He stated the General Fund's total net assets increased this year with the majority of it attributable to a reduction in operating expenses. It was a good year and we are not used to seeing this. The Water System Fund's total net assets also increased this year with the majority of the increase attributable to an increase in operating revenues. Mr. Crawford stated the Water Utility had more in revenue than expenditures and we aren't use to seeing this. The GFU personnel switched to QuickBooks a couple of years ago. They are handling the Water Fund and getting better each year. The motion to accept the Financial Statements of September 30, 2011 was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Thornton and passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF NON PAID PART TIME POLICE OFFICER

Lieutenant Francis presented candidate David Bajar for a non paid Police Officer position. Mr. Bajar honorably retired from the San Antonio Police Department after 31 plus years service. He holds a Master Peace Officer License. Most of his career was spent in patrolling and has a wealth of knowledge. All references were checked and he received glowing recommendations. Lieutenant Francis stated he would be an excellent addition to the department and recommends David Bajar to City Council. The motion to accept the recommendation and add David Bajar to our police force was made by Councilperson Nettle, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously. Council welcomed David Bajar to the City.

OLD BUSINESS

3. CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND ACT ON CITY OF GREY FOREST 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Mayor Reinhard stated they would like to continue discussion on the 50 Year Anniversary celebration. Councilperson Nettle stated we should invite previous staff, Mayors and Councilmember's as guests. Councilperson Waldrop stated we

should compile a list of dignitaries such as State Representatives, Senators, etc. that have supported Grey Forest throughout the years. Mayor Reinhard asked that names be sent to Shannan when they think of them and she can keep an ongoing list. Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to see if they could put together a steering committee of Council's spouses to set a foundation. There was discussion on having more than one celebration. There could be a build up to the big celebration. Ideas discussed were planting trees, an orchard, inviting the Helotes Band. Mayor Reinhard stated we will place on the marquee that we are looking for interested citizens to volunteer. The date is tentatively set for August 4th. Mayor Reinhard asked that Council speak with their spouses to see if they would be interested in volunteering on the steering committee. The committee wouldn't necessarily have to plan everything but could be a starting point to put ideas together and get a plan going.

The motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by _____.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the _____ day of March, 2012.

Signed: _____
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor