

The Regular Council Meeting of May 23, 2012 was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley
Chief C.E. Rutledge
Don Reddout
Marjorie Mautz
Ann Mabry
Gigi Duke
Sue Peavy
Mark Peavy

Brenda Reinhard
Mandie Waldrop
Sandra Schneider
Ed Scharf

COUNCILMEMBERS

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

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilperson Nottingham and Councilperson Tiner would not be present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 24, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. Councilperson Nettle stated page 2, Agenda Item No. 2, four lines down should reflect “final” adoption instead of “finally”. The motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Councilperson Nettle, seconded by Councilperson Thornton and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Brenda Reinhard stated the 50 Year Anniversary Committee has determined to go with an ice cream social for the celebration. The date is still set for September 22nd. The committee is researching prices, possible donations and addresses of former Mayors, Councilmember’s, staff, etc. A save the date post card will be sent out in June.

Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to move Old Business, Agenda Item No. 5, Discuss the 50 Year Anniversary Celebration up on the agenda since they are already on the subject.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Sue Peavy stated they have created a Facebook page under: Grey Forest 50th and an email address that all of the committee will have access to. Mark Peavy stated he is coordinating the music, vocals and art through the high schools for the opening ceremony and ice cream social. Brenda Reinhard stated she is contacting sources regarding lemon aide, ice cream, etc. and will be the coordinator for those willing to store ice cream, lend chairs, pop up shades, ice chests, etc. She is finalizing the lease on the clubhouse, acquiring payment and selecting a rain date.

Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to move to New Business, Agenda Item No. 1, Canvass of the May 12, 2012 City of Grey Forest General Election.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ACT ON CANVASS OF THE MAY 12, 2012 CITY OF GREY FOREST GENERAL ELECTION

Mayor Reinhard stated the City of Grey Forest General Election was held on May 12, 2012. There were 367 Registered Voters. A total of 143 ballots were casted. Mayor Reinhard stated that is a fairly good turnout and appreciates the voters taking an interest in the process. Mayor Reinhard stated City Council is the Canvassing Authority. As the Canvassing

Authority, City Council has to declare the results official pursuant to the Texas Election Code. They will then take a short recess to swear in the elected positions. Candidates elected unopposed: Mayor, Ron Reinhard with 115 total votes received and Councilmember Place 4, Donald Nettle with 118 total votes received. Councilmember Place 2 was a contested race with Jennifer (Jen) Nottingham receiving 95 total votes and Lou Hoffman receiving 47 total votes. Therefore declaring candidate elected: Councilmember Place 2, Jennifer (Jen) Nottingham. The motion to Canvass the General Election and accept the Summary of Precinct Returns for the May 12, 2012 City of Grey Forest General Election was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Nettle and passed unanimously.

Mayor Reinhard called a recess at 6:41 p.m. Donald Nettle, Councilmember Place 4 and Ron Reinhard, Mayor were sworn in by City Secretary, Shannan Kinsley. Mayor Reinhard resumed the Regular Council Meeting at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Reinhard stated Jennifer (Jen) Nottingham, Councilmember Place 2 was out of town and would be sworn in when she returns.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard reviewed the April Financials. They hope to have the official City website up and running by the next meeting. The Senator Frank L. Madla, Jr. Natural Area project was granted a project extension until July 15, 2013.

POLICE DEPRATMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Rutledge stated the April 2012 Monthly Activity Report has been provided. He attended Chief School in Waco, Texas the week of May 7, 2012. Police Chief's are mandated by the State of Texas to attend Chief School every two years. Police Officers are mandated to take 40 hours of continuing education every two years. Chief Rutledge stated they have lost restricted training funds they use to receive from the State Comptroller's Office and are unsure if they will ever get it back. He learned of new laws in Chief School mandating that anyone who dispatches an officer must be licensed and trained holding a telecommunications license. Chief Rutledge stated it's extremely important that all calls are sent through either 911 for emergencies or (210) 684-1011 for non-emergency dispatch.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Rutledge stated Public Works has finished chipping. There is a lot of mulch available for citizens. Public Works continues to work on getting the right of ways caught up. Once finished on the right of ways, they will start patching the streets on areas needing work.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the Board of Trustees has a Board Meeting tomorrow. They had to cancel their meeting last month due to not having a quorum. Mayor Reinhard stated the utility is doing well and the well levels have gone up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated the April 2012 report has been provided. They had 3 runs in the City. The plans for the new station on Babcock are ready but the ESD still has to go out for bid. There is new school going up on Toutant Beauregard and the ESD is looking at property in that area.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT OF THREE BOARD POSITIONS AND ONE COUNCIL PERSON POSITION TO THE SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR POSITIONS EXPIRING MAY 31, 2012

Mayor Reinhard stated the Board Membership positions are on two year rotations. Appointments will be for terms beginning June 1, 2012. Positions expiring are of Ron Green, Laurie Hawkins, Dr. Frank Madla III and Jennifer Nottingham as Council Person appointed member. Mayor Reinhard stated all members have accepted reappointment with the exception of Laurie Hawkins who will serve out her term ending May 31, 2012. Ms. Hawkins would still like to be involved with the Natural Area and Board but more as an advisory position due to other commitments. Mayor Reinhard stated after careful consideration, the Board recommends nominating Don Darst to fill the open seat left by Laurie Hawkins. Don Darst has served as the Natural Area Project Manager and has extensive knowledge of the park development and board vision. It was Council's consensus that Don Darst's extensive commitment and knowledge of the Natural Area development would be a great addition to the Board. Councilperson Nettle made the motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Don Darst to fill the open seat of Laurie Hawkins and reappoint Ron Green, Dr. Frank Madla III and Jennifer Nottingham to the Senator Frank L. Madla, Jr. Natural Area Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSS SPEED LIMITS ON INNER CITY STREETS

Councilperson Thornton stated he was looking to address speed limits on some inner city streets where it's 20 mph. He stated on a couple occasions he has almost hit someone or was almost hit coming around a corner where there are blind spots. Councilperson Thornton stated he spoke with the Chief regarding possibly reducing the speed limit to 15 mph in the inner City streets and possibly additional stop signs for areas of concern. Chief Rutledge stated City Council can set by ordinance at their discretion the speed limits and stops signs in the City except for Scenic Loop Road. There was discussion that it would probably be harder to enforce varying speed limits and may be easier to enforce the same limit throughout the City. There was discussion on placing additional mirrors up where there are blind spots. Councilperson Thornton stated he would study the issue further with the Police Chief and carry over as an action item for the next City Council Meeting. Mayor Reinhard asked that they research and bring back a recommendation to Council.

4. DISCUSS LOCAL WATER WELL SITUATION WITHIN THE CITY

Councilperson Waldrop stated at the last SLPC meeting, the Trinity Glen Rose Groundwater Conservation District was present to discuss two inoperable wells SLPC owns at the triangle that have to be capped. Councilperson Waldrop stated he would like to suggest the City look into the viability of the wells to determine if they could be used as an emergency source of water or as a backup to fill the swimming hole. He stated we don't know enough about the wells but as precious as water is, it would be almost criminal to cap wells that may be a good source of water. Don Reddout stated GFVFD could not use the wells to put out fires. In an emergency situation, they would bring in tanker trucks from Helotes and Leon Springs. Councilperson Waldrop stated the people in Bastrop probably would have not thought they needed the water back then either. Mayor Reinhard stated he doesn't know if taking over wells or private wells filling private swimming holes is a good use of City funds particularly after hearing they can't be used in emergencies. Mayor Reinhard stated he can talk to GFU to investigate and get their thoughts. There was further discussion and several interruptions by the audience. Mayor Reinhard objected to the interruptions by the audience. Councilperson Waldrop stated this is an open forum and citizens should be heard. Councilperson Waldrop stated he could not be a part of this and left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Reinhard stated he is closing this Agenda Item and adjourning the Regular Council Meeting.

These minutes were written/recorded by _____.

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

Signed: _____
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor