

The Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2014 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard - Absent

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop, Mayor Pro Tem

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Chief David Bejar

Chris Mikel

Don Reddout

Gigi Duke

Virgil Crawford

Murry Hughey

James Henry Frazar

Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop declared a quorum. He stated the Mayor is out of town on business and will not be present this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 28, 2014 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the January 28, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Nettle, seconded by Councilmember Nottingham and passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop stated the minutes of the February 8, 2014 Workshop Meeting/Special Council Meeting would be carried over until next month's meeting. Shannan didn't have a chance to complete these minutes before going on vacation.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly financials were reviewed. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop stated he doesn't see anything out of the ordinary. There were no further comments.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nottingham stated she would like to express her sincere appreciation to everyone who helped with the prescribed burn at the Madla Park. It went beautifully and they did an excellent job controlling the fire. Originally, they were only going to burn one section by the mulch pile but when they got out there and the way the wind was blowing, they ended up burning the whole thing. The Fire Department stayed after to make sure the fire was out and also checked back throughout the night. At the volunteer work day, you could already see some green coming back. The malta thistle was not upset with the fire at all and continues to grow so they will be turning over the herbicides to Madeline McCloskey who will be out at the park probably once a week until April spraying it. Councilmember Nottingham stated the volunteer work day this past Saturday went well. There wasn't much to clean up around the pavilion because of the fire. There also wasn't much to clean up around the cottage because Chris Mikel did a lot of work and clean up before they got there. The cottage looks beautiful if anyone has not had the chance to see. The generator is installed and working. A cage was built for the generator and now they need to build a coyote fence around the cage. The well house was refurbished. One of the outhouses was taken down and they used what was left to refurbish the other one. The Madla Park newsletter went out with the City Newsletter. They are working on security. It's been more complicated than they thought it would be to get security up to the

park. They've received notice that they have until August 2014 to use the grant funds from Texas Parks & Wildlife.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Bejar reviewed the January 2014 Monthly Activity Report. Chief Bejar presented to Council the 2013 end of year Racial Profiling Report. He stated they had 322 motor vehicle stops. They are broken down into race or ethnicity. There were a total of four searches conducted. Of those, one was consented and three were not consented. Of the three not consented, one ended in an arrest. Chief Bejar stated they are required to file the report with the state every year and will be filed electronically with the state.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Mikel reviewed the January 2014 Monthly Activity Report. Public Works continues to work on tree trimming activities, mowing/weed eating, citizens chipping, regular maintenance and road maintenance. He stated a mirror was placed on Park by Kitty Fischer's as requested. It helps but may still need to be adjusted a little. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop stated he's received questions about the large stumps that weren't removed back in December during the tree removal/trimming activities. He asked Chris if he knew what the intentions were with removal of the stumps so he would have an answer when asked. Chris Mikel stated he can follow-up with Laurie and see what the plan was to do with them. He thought the plan was to poison them.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout reviewed the January 2014 Department Incident Report. There were two calls in the City in January. One medical and one assist the public. The assist the public was coded wrong on the report. Don Reddout stated the prescribed burn at the Madla Park went really well. The Fire Department and all that assisted did a great job. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop asked Don Reddout how Acadian Ambulance Services work and if they have a contract to transport to a certain location or do the patients have a choice. Don Reddout stated Chief Shane Reddout would be able to answer that a lot better than him but his understanding is that the patient does have a choice. Don Reddout stated a lot goes into that though such as is it a trauma, an emergency center is no longer taking patients, center is full, understaffed, etc. They have to transport to the appropriate center depending on the injury. Don Reddout stated they could get a better understanding and sure answer through Chief Shane Reddout.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

Virgil Crawford stated the Financial Statements of September 30, 2013 have been presented. He stated Council has not had a lot of time to review them so if there are any questions this evening or arise later; he would be more than happy to be available to review and answer any questions. Virgil Crawford stated the audit went extremely well. There were no adjustments on the general fund or water fund. Both entities ended with very good cash funds. The last bond payment of \$85,000 will be paid this coming October 2014 and the bond will be paid off. Mr. Crawford stated this financial statement is different than what they are used to seeing and reviewed the capital assets in the General Fund. The motion to approve the City of Grey Forest, Texas Financial Statements of

September 30, 2013 was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Tiner and passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 206 ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC ZONES, SPEED ZONES, STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS, ORDERING THE ERECTION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE

Chief Bejar stated at the intersection of Bluebonnet and Park, two additional stop signs were previously added making it a 3-way stop. What they are discussing is making it a 4-way stop. It's right by the bus stop for the kids and is apparently still causing some issues. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop stated he brought this to Chief Bejar because he thought this intersection seemed confusing. You have three people that are stopping and one that is going through. The assumption would be that everybody stops but there is one direction that is not stopping. Chief Bejar stated this change would put a stop sign going eastbound on Park at the intersection. There is currently no stop sign and would change it from a 3-way stop to a 4-way stop. Councilmember Nottingham stated she still thinks there shouldn't be a stop sign on Park. She thinks there should be a 2-way stop on Bluebonnet and clean up the property that is blocking the view so you could see around the corner. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop stated he sees the intersection as potentially dangerous and would rather error on the side of putting up an additional stop sign rather than taking one down. Councilmember Thornton stated the reason they put up the stop sign was more because of the issue of speed. Councilmember Nottingham stated she thinks it would be more helpful to move up the stop sign on Bluebonnet and closer to Park because right now it's hard to see. A motion was made by Councilmember Thornton to make the intersection at Bluebonnet and Park a 4-way intersection and to look at moving up the sign on Bluebonnet closer to Park. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Nettle. Councilmember Nottingham stated she would like to further discuss. Councilmember Nottingham stated she thinks we need to revisit all the other intersections before we do this and make sure that the previous changes are making a difference. She stated there may be additional intersections that need changes and wants to make sure it's all done at once because it costs money to place in the newspaper each time an ordinance is changed. Shannan Kinsley stated any ordinance imposing a penalty must be published in the official City newspaper. Councilmember Nettle and Councilmember Thornton stated they see a difference with the previous changes made. It was Council's consensus to revisit other areas and make sure there are no other changes needed. Councilmember Thornton withdrew his motion. Councilmember Nettle withdrew his second to the motion. Mayor Pro Tem, Jeff Waldrop stated we would put this on the Agenda next month to finalize and address all areas of concern at one time. There was discussion that they would like to see more speed limit signs placed throughout the City.

There was no further discussion. The motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Tiner and adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shannan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as ~~written~~ amended on the 25th day of March, 2014.

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