The Regular Council Meeting of January 28, 2014 was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

MAYOR OTHERS

Ron Reinhard Shannan Kinsley

Chief David Bejar

COUNCILMEMBERS

Chris Mikel Gigi Duke

Jennifer Nottingham

Susan Beavin

Mitch Thornton

Brenda Reinhard

Lynn Tiner

Don Nettle

Don Reddout

Jeff Waldrop - Absent

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilmember Waldrop would be absent this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 17, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the December 17, 2013 minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Tiner, seconded by Councilmember Nettle and passed with 2 YES and 2 OBSTAINING by Councilmember Thornton and Councilmember Nottingham as they were not present at that meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly financials were reviewed. Mayor Reinhard stated the financials are on track. We've received almost 50% of our income for the year which is primarily due to how we get paid by GFU and it being our primary source of income. Income for Permits/Variances has exceeded what was budgeted but this will eventually even itself out under Building Inspections. Mayor Reinhard stated we are under budget on expenditures and about where we should be on income.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Nottingham stated the Madla Board met this past Sunday. They approved a prescribed burn for the open field of the park. The burn is being organized by a prior Boardmember, Wendy Leonard. Wendy has gone through all the proper channels to organize the prescribed burn and has involved TCEQ, Bexar County, GFVFD, UTSA Professors, along with other organizations. The benefit of a prescribed burn is it can stimulate new growth. The Board's hope is to get the area healthy again and see what native vegetation will grow back. They are looking at starting with a smaller area and eventually covering more at a later date. Councilmember Nottingham stated GFU is in the process of installing gas lines from Menchaca to a generator at the pavilion that will convert gas to electric for the pavilion. The Board would like to thank GFU for all their hard work on this. The cottage renovation is finished and is beautiful. They would love to give a tour to anyone that is interested. The historic building is on the next agenda to see what they want to do with it which will be a big undertaking. They are having a Volunteer Work Day on Saturday, February 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcomed. They will be cleaning up around the pavilion and cottage. They have been working on a newsletter and it will be mailed out soon. Councilmember Nottingham stated she would like to thank Chris Mikel with Public Works for his help around the park. Mayor Reinhard stated the City was granted an extension until September to use the advanced grant money Texas Parks & Wildlife gave us. He stated the Madla Board has done an excellent job using funds from the grant and donations to get the park up and running.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Bejar reviewed the December 2013 Monthly Activity Report. Chief Bejar introduced to Council new Police Reserve Officer, Edward Collazo. He stated Edward just came out of the Police Academy and will help with continued coverage. Chief Bejar stated he hopes to receive delivery of the new police vehicle any day now. The dealership that the vehicle was ordered through is the only one that handles this government contract, so they are very slow.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Mikel reviewed the December 2013 Monthly Activity Report. Public Works continues to work on tree trimming activities, mowing/weed eating, regular maintenance, brush chipping and animal control. He stated the recent tree trimming activities was very helpful with the recent freeze as they didn't have many limbs that fell. Citizen brush chipping started in January and will continue through February. Mayor Reinhard stated we spent less money on the recent tree trimming activities than what was budgeted for.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the GFU Board Meeting is tomorrow evening. The utility continues to do very well. The water levels are down but they are hoping the recent rain will help. The water quality is still excellent. The wells were evaluated and the trigger settings are good. Mayor Reinhard asked that everyone do their best to conserve.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout reviewed the December 2013 Department Incident Report. There were two calls in the City in December, both medical. Don Reddout stated he would like to make note that the Fire Department did not receive any calls on the 1st of the year in the City, District 8 or Mutual Aid. He stated this is the first time ever for that to happen for them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. <u>DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDER OF ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated every year an election is required to elect Councilmember's and the Mayor every two years. The order before Council is to officially order the election. Positions up for election this year are of the Mayor, Councilperson Place 2 currently held by Jennifer Nottingham and Councilperson Place 4 currently held by Don Nettle. The order of election is fairly standard and typically the same each year. We are required to provide the order in English and Spanish. The motion to accept and pass the Order of Election for Municipalities was made by Councilmember Thornton, seconded by Councilmember Nottingham and passed unanimously.

2. <u>DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE MAY 10, 2014 ELECTION TO REAUTHORIZE THE LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE-FOURTH OF ONE PERCENT</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated the Order of Special Election is similar and reauthorizes a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent to continue providing revenue for street maintenance. This tax has to be reauthorized every four years. The motion to approve the Order of Special Election for Municipalities was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Tiner and passed unanimously.

3. <u>DISCUSS AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST AND BEXAR COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR ACTING ON BEHALF OF BEXAR COUNTY</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated this agreement authorizes the City to enter into a Joint Election with Bexar County. A Joint Election with Bexar County will be less expensive than the City holding on our own. Bexar County will handle all aspects of the election. Mayor Reinhard stated even if all the positions up for election are uncontested, there will be an election in order to continue the sales tax. The motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Joint Election Agreement with Bexar County was made by Councilmember Nottingham, seconded by Councilmember Thornton and passed unanimously.

4. <u>DISCUSS AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ELECTRIC & GAS FRANCHISE TO CITY PUBLIC SERVICE (CPS ENERGY)</u>

Mayor Reinhard stated the City currently receives from CPS 3% percent of gross receipts from the sale of electricity and gas within the City for the use of our right-of-ways. This ordinance grants a Franchise Agreement with CPS. This has been under negotiations with many cities for some time now as they originally opposed it. CPS no longer provides CIED Funds but has come back to these communities with an extra percent. The new agreement will provide the City 4% of gross receipts from the sale of electricity and gas within the City. So far, 25 out of 30 cities have approved this Franchise Agreement. In addition, CPS continues discussion of possibility providing cities an additional half percent but they still don't know where that will go. If any changes are made that will favor the City, the City would be given the opportunity to receive it as well. The motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Ordinance Granting an Electric & Gas Franchise to City Public Service was made by Councilmember Thornton, seconded by Councilmember Nettle and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SETTING DATE FOR ANNUAL JUNK DAY PICK UP

Mayor Reinhard stated we are looking at dates for the Annual Junk Day Pick Up. He stated the City receives two junk containers through the C-6 Contract and the Fire Department typically has a metal container. Chris Mikel stated last year it was held in May and seemed to work out well. Dates were discussed and it was Council's consensus to schedule it for Saturday, May 17th. Mayor Reinhard stated the City would send out postcards in advance notifying citizens of the date and what is allowed. In addition, a newsletter will be going out soon and he will include the date in that. Councilmember Nottingham stated Animal Vaccinations is being held Saturday, March 29th at the Fire Department and she would like to include that date in the newsletter as well.

6. <u>DISCUSS AND ACT ON CONFIRMING WORKSHOP ON FEBRUARY 20, 2014 WITH THE GREY</u> FOREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BOARD

Mayor Reinhard stated at the last Council Meeting it was left that everyone would confirm that February 20th is a good date to hold a Workshop with City Council and the Fire Department Board. Council consented that February 20th at 6:30 p.m. is a good date. It was discussed the workshop would start at the Fire Department for a walk through and to see what they do. The meeting would then continue at City Hall. Don Reddout asked if there are any specific questions that the Fire Department Board will need to do research on, if they could please let them know in advance so they could pull together that information. Mayor Reinhard stated this will be an Open Workshop to the public. In addition, he asked that the City be copied on any advance questions.

7. DISCUSS AND ACT ON CONFIRMING WORKSHOP FOR REVIEW OF ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 45B

Mayor Reinhard stated as previously discussed, he would like to schedule a Workshop to begin review of Zoning Ordinance No. 45B. A tentative date was previously set, but due to schedule conflicts we were unable to pull a meeting together. Mayor Reinhard stated items to discuss are the results of the Citizen Questionnaire, issues that rise with variances, and current restrictions just to name a few. Does the City want to keep the current restrictions, make them

harder/easier, etc. Councilmember Nottingham stated when this was reviewed years ago, there was discussion of addressing in the ordinance historic properties and demolition being a part of the ordinance just to name a few. Dates were discussed; it was Council's consensus to schedule the Workshop for Saturday, February 8th at 10:00 a.m. contingent upon confirming a quorum. Mayor Reinhard stated we will plan for the meeting to be no more than 2 hours. The City will follow-up on Council's availability and confirm if we will have a quorum.

There was no further discussion. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:21 p.m.
These minutes were written/recorded by Maur ar Kinsliy.
These minutes were approved as written amended on the
Signed: Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor
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