

The Regular Council Meeting of March 26, 2013 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard - Absent

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Murry Hughey

Officer David Bejar

Sean Skaggs

Brenda Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Don Reddout

Jennifer Nottingham

Susan Beavin

Mitch Thornton - Absent

Sue Peace

Lynn Tiner

Madeline McCloskey

Jeff Waldrop

Christina Nouveau

A quorum was declared. Councilperson Waldrop stated he would be facilitating the meeting this evening as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Reinhard is out of the country on business. Councilperson Thornton will be absent due to a work commitment.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Madeline McCloskey stated she would like to see something done about junk cars on several properties. Specifically, the rock house 2 doors down from City Hall on Scenic Loop Road. She stated the property has several junk cars and trash such as a vacuum, jet ski, etc. This looks very scummy and lowers the property values throughout the City. Ms. McCloskey stated it is in violation of City ordinances and would like to see if someone can look into this. Councilperson Waldrop stated he will relay this information to the Mayor and Chief Rutledge to look into.

Christina Nouveau stated she is very concerned with the spread of trash and fungus throughout the City. She stated there are several properties with trash/junk cars and people who don't care that continue to bring in more barking dogs. Ms. Nouveau stated she knows the City ordinances are being rewritten but really hopes City Council is making sure it gets done right and is enforced.

Councilperson Waldrop stated both concerns are duly noted and will be relayed to the Mayor and Chief Rutledge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 25, 2013 Workshop Meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the February 26, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. Councilperson Nottingham stated on page 1, Council/Staff Announcements, 3rd line down should read: "Now they have to pay \$1,600 for the marker". Additionally, 7th line down, "conservancy" should be capitalized. The motion to approve the minutes with the two corrections noted was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Councilperson Waldrop stated the February 2013 Monthly Financials have been provided. City Council reviewed the financials and there were no comments.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Nottingham stated the Madla Grand Opening went extremely well. The park looked beautiful, was in good shape and they were ready to go. She stated they had a huge attendance by the Madla family. The family is very excited to have to the park named in Senator Madla's honor. The Police Department was great. They were there all day and one of the last to leave. GFU was there. Chef McCormick donated the catering and tent. Chris Hall from Texas

Parks & Wildlife went through the trails and gave suggestions that will be helpful in the future. They received a little publicity; The Echo, KABB, Northwest Weekly. There is a Board Meeting this coming Sunday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m. which is Easter. They will be discussing signage at the park and the house on the hill. The grant ends July 15th so they will be actively working on these items over the next 4 months.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Officer David Bejar presented the February 2013 Monthly Activity Report. There were no comments.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Waldrop stated Citizens Junk Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at 8:00 a.m. Councilperson Nottingham stated the Fire Department will follow-up on a metal container for that day. Shannan Kinsley stated Public Works hired a new part-time employee. They are still actively looking to fill the full-time Public Works position.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Waldrop stated the Weekly Water Levels has been provided. Jeff English is not present this evening.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout reviewed the February 2013 Department Incident Report. There were 5 calls in the City - 4 EMS/1 Fire related. They have been real active with Public Relations. They are getting more people stopping by the station with questions and parents bringing kids wanting to tour the trucks. They had a truck at the Madla Grand Opening. EMS Field Exercise have been held at their facility. They sponsored part of the 1st Annual O'Connor FFA 5K Run. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt was held last Saturday and they sprayed the kids with water from the truck.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 199 CANCELLING THE MAY 11, 2013 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Councilperson Waldrop stated Ordinance No. 199 cancels the May 11, 2013 Municipal Election. All positions were uncontested and this is a formality. The motion to accept Ordinance No. 199 Cancelling the May 11, 2013 Municipal Election was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON COUNCIL DIRECTION ON EXPRESSED INTEREST TO DONATE PIECE OF VACANT LAND TO THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Councilperson Nottingham stated the family of Celine Hunter has expressed an interest to donate a piece of vacant land to the City that is owned by their late mother. She spoke with Kathy Waldrop who has generously offered to donate legal services to the City and help with transfer of the property. Councilperson Nottingham stated Mrs. Waldrop doesn't see a need for a survey since the City will not be doing anything with the land and it will remain vacant. She has advised they should be able to transfer the property with a simple Warranty Deed. The motion to continue to work with Kathy Waldrop and move forward with accepting the property pending approval by the family of being okay with transfer by Warranty Deed was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Nettle and passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SETTING DATE FOR COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION ON DRAFT OF NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGULATING ANIMALS

Councilperson Waldrop stated we would like to set a date to continue discussion and hopefully wrap up review of the Animal Ordinance. City Council discussed their availability. The motion to hold a Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to continue discussion on the Animal Ordinance was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Nettle and passed unanimously.

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

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawna Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 23 day of April, 2013.

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