

The Regular City Council Meeting of October 24, 2017 was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley
Chief David Bejar
Chris Mikel
Brenda Reinhard
Gigi Duke
Chandler Baker
Matt Baker
Don Reddout

Irene Scharf
Kathleen McCloskey
Laurie Hawkins
John Feist
Madeline McCloskey

COUNCILMEMBERS

Susan Darst
Holly Holleway - Absent
Phil Howard - Absent
Jennifer Nottingham
Lynn Tiner

Mayor Reinhard declared a quorum with Council member Nottingham, Council member Tiner and Council member Darst present. Mayor Reinhard stated Council member Howard has a family commitment and Council member Holleway is out for a medical reason. They both send their apologies for not being here. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting were reviewed. Council member Nottingham stated on page 3, Agenda Item No. 3, the last word should reflect "Parade". Page 5, Agenda Item No. 7, go to the end of the 11th line from the bottom of the paragraph, it should reflect "at all" instead of "in all". The motion to approve the June 27, 2017 minutes as amended was made by Council member Nottingham, seconded by Council member Tiner and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July 18, 2017 Special City Council Meeting and City Council Budget Workshop Meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the July 18, 2017 minutes as written was made by Council member Nottingham, seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard stated Council has been provided the Monthly Financials through September 2017. These are the end of year totals. We came in ahead of budget in income, under budget on expenses and did exceptionally well for the year.

Mayor Reinhard stated for the month of September, we just have our retainer for the City Attorney. The month of October will have several items. Our City Attorney is currently Dana Jacobson with the Jacobson Law Firm. For many, many years it was Adolph (Jake) Jacobson and he sadly passed away yesterday. We would like to remember him and his family in our thoughts. We are very saddened by the loss.

Mayor Reinhard stated the week before last, he attended the Suburban Cities Mayors Meeting. It's a quarterly meeting where all the Suburban Mayors get together with Judge Nelson Wolff. There's a lot of discussion about the 300th Year Anniversary of the City of San Antonio. Last Friday, he attended the CPS Energy Suburban City Summit where CPS goes over some of their activities and plans.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard stated Council member Howard is not here this evening but the Grey Forest Road Improvement Subcommittee continues to work on locating property and road boundaries.

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY BOARD (GFCB) UPDATE

Madeline McCloskey stated they have an Eagle Scout that is working on a service project and is going to build a message board for the clubhouse property. They have a cleanup scheduled for this Saturday. They will provide gloves and will be hauling cane out of the creek. They will meet at Hilltop from 9am to 11am. Mayor Reinhard stated they have a set of concept plans for the remodel of the Grey Forest Community Center. The plan is to make it ADA Compliant. The goal is to keep it as authentic as it is now. The remodel will not start until probably after the first of the year. Our City Engineer is pulling it together and will start soliciting bids soon.

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA UPDATE

Council member Nottingham stated they are still battling the Johnsongrass at the Madla Park. They were told their best option right now is to just keep mowing it. The Star Gazing Party on October 12th went very well. They had quite a few of our citizens attend. The Cub Scouts that came out to look at the trails and pick up litter stayed for the Star Gazing Party and it was a lot fun for them. The Astronomers are talking about getting the Madla Park a Dark Sky Designation and the Board is encouraging them to pursue that. They have another group of Cub Scouts that want to meet at the park and help with some cleanup. Brenda Reinhard stated she is handling the March Fundraiser this year. It includes dinner or heavy hors d'oeuvres at a local restaurant. They are currently trying to find a guest speaker that will be interesting. Their money maker is the silent auction. If you wish to donate, they are a 501(c)(3) and the donations are tax deductible. She is looking for volunteers to head different committees. She's splitting the tasks into very small jobs so you're not overly burdened. If anyone is interested in volunteering, she has several opportunities. Please contact her directly.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT UPDATE

None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Bejar reviewed the September 2017 Monthly Activity Report. There were 102 calls for service, 870 hours worked, 4554 total miles driven, 53 traffic stops, 38 summons issued, 22 warnings issued and 2 total arrests. Both arrests were City ordinance violations. Chief Bejar introduced new Reserve Officer Gilbert Gonzales. He's a 33 year retiree from the City of San Antonio. He spent 8 years on patrol and 25 years in CID. Chief Bejar stated he was determined a long time ago that he was going to stop at 25 officers but when Gilbert came, he didn't want to pass up the wealth of experience.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Mikel reviewed the August 2017 Public Works Monthly Activity. Public Works continues to work on tree trimming, mowing/weed eating, citizen's brush chipping, roadwork, regular upkeep of City property and animal control.

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GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated Jeff English is not present this evening. They have a Board Meeting tomorrow evening. The gas utility continues to do well. The water system is in excellent shape. The new tank is in and operational. They will be looking to see the condition of the old tank to determine if they can do appropriate repairs. The Weekly Water Levels are posted on the bulletin board in City Hall. As of October 20th, the well is at 374 feet of water which is good and still about 75 feet above Stage 1 Water Restrictions.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated he has a new graph to provide Council. He apologizes that the graph previously provided was incorrect. There were 4 calls for service in the City for the month of September 2017; 2 medical and 2 other than medical. The Average Response Time was 3.75, Average Number of Personnel 3.0 and Average Number of Apparatus 1.25. Don Reddout stated the Fire Department is going to use the Grey Forest Community Center next week for special training that has to do with driver operations and would like to thank the Board for use of the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCIL PERSON TO THE GREY FOREST COMMUNITY BOARD (GFCB) PURSUANT TO AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 215

Mayor Reinhard stated the Grey Forest Community Board (GFCB) pursuant to Amended Ordinance No. 215 is comprised of four land owning citizens and a member of the City Council. Council member Darst has been the Council representative but being an active parent, the dates of the meetings conflict with those activities. Therefore, she has requested she be replaced on the Board so they can have someone that's able to make all the meetings. Mayor Reinhard thanked Council member Darst for her service on the Board. Council member Darst stated it's been a pleasure to be involved on the GFCB. She's so proud of the things the Board has done and what they will continue to do to serve our community. Unfortunately, family commitments are interfering and she doesn't want to miss meetings as the Board deserves 150%. Council member Nottingham stated she would like to nominate Council member Tiner. Council member Tiner stated he's willing to serve on the Board. Mayor Reinhard asked if there is any discussion by Council. There were no comments. The motion to appoint Council member Tiner as the Council person representative to the Grey Forest Community Board (GFCB) was made by Council member Nottingham, seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESOLUTION LEGALLY DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLISHING ALL LEGAL NOTICES AND ADS TO CONDUCT BUSINESS FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated annually, Council has to legally designate the official newspaper for publishing all legal notices and ads to conduct business for the City of Grey Forest. Historically we use the Helotes Echo. For a while they weren't printing and were only online. They have starting printing again on a regular basis and deliver newspapers to us. Another option is the San Antonio Express News but the costs would go up significantly. Mayor Reinhard stated he would recommend that we continue with the Helotes Echo as the official newspaper for the City. Mayor Reinhard opened the discussion to Council. Council member Nottingham stated she likes the Helotes Echo. Council member Tiner agreed. The motion to designate the Helotes Echo as the official newspaper was made by Council member Darst, seconded by Council member Tiner and passed unanimously. Mayor Reinhard stated since there is an actual Resolution, he would like to go back to this item and make a second motion approving the Resolution itself. Even though Council has already basically approved the same thing, he would like to specifically address the Resolution for the record. The motion to approve Resolution No. 007-17 legally designating the Helotes Echo as the official newspaper for publishing all legal notices and ads for the City of Grey Forest was made by Council member Darst, seconded by Council member Nottingham and passed unanimously.

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON NOVEMBER 2017 AND DECEMBER 2017 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Mayor Reinhard stated around the holidays, Council likes to continue to have Council Meetings but from time to time, the meeting dates conflict with the holidays. In the month of November, the meeting will be on the 28th which is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. It was the consensus of Council to keep the November 28th meeting as all are available. In the month of December, the meeting will be on the 26th which is the day after Christmas. That sometimes conflicts with Council's schedule. Council member Darst stated she suggests they forgo the December meeting. Not just for Council but for citizens that have family or travel over the holidays. Mayor Reinhard stated if business does come up that needs

to be addressed, they can call a Special Council Meeting. The motion to cancel the December 26, 2017 Council Meeting was made by Council member Tiner, seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously. Mayor Reinhard stated we will put review of the December Council Meeting on the Agenda again next month in case we do have something come up, then we can set a date.

4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESOLUTION AND LETTER TO CONSERVE THE SCENIC LOOP – HELOTES CREEK CORRIDOR

Mayor Reinhard stated Council had a presentation by Dixie Watkins at a previous meeting. Dixie Watkins has been very active for a long time in trying to help preserve and protect the Hill Country, creeks and environment. One of his recommendations is that the City of Grey Forest make our position known to other parties that we have an interest in preserving the area. The Resolution is supporting the conservation of the Scenic Loop – Helotes Creek Corridor. The Resolution states; Whereas Scenic Loop Road is the Main Street and represents the signature identity of Grey Forest, the City of Grey Forest has a vested interest in preserving the beautiful and truly scenic area from which Scenic Loop Road derives its name, there are both real and potential threats from development along the especially sensitive stretch from Bandera Road, to Babcock Road continuing onto Boerne Stage Road and there is a desperate need for planning conservation activities by all parties that have interest in this area. Therefore; be it resolved, the City of Grey Forest strongly supports and encourages the creation of a true Parkway for Scenic Loop Road from Bandera Road to Babcock Road and beyond based on planning and conservation ideas that evolve from over four decades of regional, environmental and political sensitivity. Therefore; the City Council authorizes Mayor Reinhard to prepare and send letters to Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, appropriate State Legislators, and other parties that have a vested interest in conserving the Scenic Loop – Helotes Creek Corridor. Mayor Reinhard stated Dixie Watkins has provided a sample letter that needs some editing to fit Grey Forest but it basically supports all of these activities. What we want to do is make our position as a City known and as things happen, they will hopefully consider our position to preserve the environment. Mayor Reinhard asked for Council discussion. Council member Tiner stated we need to at least let them know how we feel. It might influence a decision here or there that could help. Council member Nottingham stated it might make a difference if we start a dialogue with the County Commissioners, Mayor of San Antonio and State Legislators. The motion to approve Resolution No. 005-17 supporting the conservation of the Scenic Loop – Helotes Creek Corridor was made by Council member Nottingham, seconded by Council member Tiner and passed unanimously. Mayor Reinhard stated he will work with Council member Nottingham on writing the letter and getting it out to the parties approved.

5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MAKING THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) AWARE THAT NEW RULES ARE NEEDED TO PROTECT HILL COUNTRY WATERWAYS FROM POLLUTION AND FROM WASTEWATER DISCHARGE IN THE CONTRIBUTING ZONE OF THE EDWARDS AQUIFER

Mayor Reinhard stated Council member Nottingham was contacted by Annalisa Peace with the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance enlisting the City of Grey Forest's support in making the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) aware that new rules are needed to protect Hill Country waterways from pollution and from direct discharges of sewage effluent. That wastewater discharge should be prohibited in the contributing zone of the Edwards Aquifer. Council member Nottingham stated she personally thinks it's a good idea to offer our support. It's one more layer they are putting down that might keep SAWS from coming through the creeks. Mayor Reinhard stated TCEQ will be conducting Public Hearings to receive comments from the public on actions the commission should take to protect the Edwards Aquifer from pollution. The deadline for submitting comments is October 27th. Council member Nottingham stated they took Annalisa Peace's talking points about the need for prohibiting direct discharge of sewage effluent on the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone and put it into Resolution format. Mayor Reinhard stated Resolution No. 006-17 has many Whereas' stating; the City of Grey Forest is in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, has a vested interest in the purity of the Edwards Aquifer, understands that disposal of wastewater is one of the greatest threats to maintaining water

quality in the contributing watersheds, is a local Hill Country community and wastewater discharged directly into our streams will result in degradation of water quality, the Edwards Aquifer is a critical source of pure water for ranchers and communities in the Texas Hill Country, the quality of water in this aquifer is driven by the quality of surface water in the contributing zones, additional contaminants in wastewater effluent may impact human health, contesting a wastewater discharge permit application is a daunting task for a downstream property owner and land application of wastewater effluent is more protective of water quality than discharge due to the infiltration of effluent on land and the absorption of the nutrients in effluent by green spaces. Mayor Reinhard stated we need to add the City of Grey Forest to read; Therefore, the City of Grey Forest encourages and requests that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) establish new rules that are needed to protect Hill Country waterways from pollution and from direct discharge of wastewater and sewage effluent. That such discharge should be prohibited in the Contributing Zones. Mayor Reinhard stated for proper Resolution form, we also need to add a semi-colon and "And" after each Whereas. Council member Nottingham made the motion to approve Resolution No. 006-17 as corrected supporting the prohibition of wastewater discharge in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone, that a signed copy of the Resolution be given to Annalisa Peace to take with her on Friday and that we email a copy of the Resolution to the email address given in the letter. The motion was seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

There was no further business. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawwan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 27th day of February, 2018.

Signed: 

Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor