

The Regular City Council Meeting of April 24, 2018 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MAYOR**

Ron Reinhard

**OTHERS**

Shannan Kinsley

Brenda Reinhard

Chief David Bejar

Mitch Thornton

Gigi Duke

Madeline McCloskey

John Feist

Marjorie Mautz

Kathleen McCloskey

Lee Holleway

Matt Baker

Don Nettle

Chandler Baker

Sean Skaggs

Meredith Dornak

Travis Lorton

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Susan Darst

Holly Holleway

Phil Howard - Absent

Jennifer Nottingham

Lynn Tiner

Mayor Reinhard declared a quorum with Council member Nottingham, Council member Tiner and Council member Darst present. He stated Council member Howard is out of town and Council member Holleway is not here yet. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 28, 2017 Regular City Council Meeting were reviewed. Council member Nottingham stated on Page 2, under the Senator Frank L. Madla, Jr. Natural Area Update, second line down, the record should reflect "barbed wire" instead of "bob wire". The motion to approve the November 28, 2017 minutes as amended was made by Council member Tiner, seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December 20, 2017 Special City Council Meeting were reviewed. Council member Nottingham stated on Page 4, under Agenda Item No. 4, third line down, the record should reflect "cautious" instead of "precautious". The motion to accept the minutes of December 20, 2017 as amended was made by Council member Darst, seconded by Council member Tiner and passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS**

Madeline McCloskey stated she would like to take this opportunity to thank Mayor Ron Reinhard as it's his last meeting as Mayor. He has helped her meet goals of helping other people in our community. When we got Ron, we received this tremendous support team with Brenda. Neither could do what they do without the other. She appreciates the countless hours they have given of their own time. Mayor Reinhard thanked Madeline for her kind thoughts.

Council member Holleway joined the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Marjorie Mautz stated she saw an article in the newspaper that stated the City of Grey Forest will hold a Special Election for a Sales and Use Tax for street maintenance and would like to know what that is. Mayor Reinhard stated every four years the City has to authorize an additional ¼ of one percent sales tax for street maintenance. The additional tax is collected on any business that reports sales tax.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Reinhard stated the Monthly Financials have been provided. We are two-third of the way through the Fiscal Year. We're in good shape and on track. It was noted the financials do not reflect the GFC Community Center Remodel updated budget of \$90,000.

Mayor Reinhard stated the City Attorney Monthly Legal Activity for the month of March 2018 has been provided to Council. There was some monthly activity with The Jacobson Law Firm. Ryan Henry was appointed as the new City Attorney earlier this month so future invoices will be from him. Other legal activity is with McKamie Krueger in regards to defending the City in the lawsuit that the City has been served with.

Mayor Reinhard stated BiblioTech is a Bexar County online library. It's to help celebrate the 300<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of San Antonio. They have encouraged cities to contribute their history. He enlisted the help of Kathleen McCloskey to help put this together and she has provided Council a report with a sample of what has been put together.

### **COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Council member Nottingham stated on the initiative of Saving Scenic Loop – Helotes Creek Corridor; at the last Council Meeting, she reported that she met with Judge Wolff and the County Engineer, Renee Green. Judge Wolff offered to present a resolution in support of their efforts but that has not happened. At the same meeting, County Engineer Renee Green asked for information on other Texas counties that have overlays on roads similar to what we're asking for. She hasn't been able to find anything so she's reaching out to people in the community that have research skills to get help with this. On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, she and Ron Green met with Phillip Covington for the second time to talk about the hydrology of the area and how the water levels have changed since the development north of us. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, she went back to Bexar County Historic Commission and gave them 10 copies of Susan's book. They have asked for 10 more. On April 16<sup>th</sup>, she sent the most detailed map she has to Phillip Covington for his meeting with the Nature Conservancy. She was informed the map was not detailed enough and is on a quest to find a map with more detail.

### **COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

Mayor Reinhard stated Council member Howard is out of town and would give an update on the Road Improvement Committee at the next Council Meeting.

### **GREY FOREST COMMUNITY BOARD (GFCB) UPDATE**

Madeline McCloskey stated the Grey Forest Community Center (GFCC) has a new information kiosk that was built by an Eagle Scout and looks really nice. The GFCC is newly painted and looks gorgeous. The renovation is almost done. There's new parking. They have a new a/c which wasn't planned. They have their Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm. Ann Mabry will be the guest of honor. She was there for the very first dedication in April of 1950. Phase I of the Rain Garden behind Grey Moss Inn has been completed. Next they will be scooping out the basin so when the runoff comes from the Grey Moss Inn parking lot, it will fill up the basin and flow. They will put in some plants, seed and water it. It will help with the erosion that has taken over there.

### **SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA UPDATE**

Council member Nottingham stated they had a Moon Viewing event at the Madla Park on April 19<sup>th</sup>. About 40 people attended and it was great fun. They have a Star Party planned for the fall. On Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> they had a Work Session. They marked paths, cut brush and got a lot done in two hours with just three people. Save the Date of May 27<sup>th</sup> as they are dedicating the pavilion in honor of Don and Linda Darst. Don Darst was Mayor at the time and instrumental in getting the park. Linda Darst was the first Secretary and took care of the books.

### **BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT UPDATE**

Shannan Kinsley stated there was a Board of Adjustment Public Hearing on April 10, 2018. The homeowner requested to build a pool. They applied for a variance as they could not meet the side setbacks on two property lines. They were trying to save an oak tree and get the pool as far away as they could. The Board of Adjustment granted the variance.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Chief Bejar reviewed the March 2018 Monthly Activity Report. There were 119 calls for service, 960 hours worked, 5406 total miles driven, 42 traffic stops, 38 citations issued, 10 warnings issued and 2 misdemeanor citations issued.

### **PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Reinhard stated Public Works has two new temporary employees. They have chipped all the brush across the street from City Hall. Mulch is available to any citizen interested. Beginning April 30<sup>th</sup>, citizen's brush chipping will start. Letters will be sent out two weeks prior to chipping on each street but do not place any brush on the City right-of-way until you've received notification that chipping will be on your street.

### **GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Reinhard stated Council has been provided the Weekly Water Levels. The wells have been holding steady at 387 feet. Stage 1 Water Restrictions start at 450 feet. We ask that citizens continue to conserve. The utility continues to do well. The Annual Meeting is tomorrow, April 25th.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Travis Lorton stated there were six calls for service for the month of March 2018; two were for the controlled burn at Madla Park, three were medical calls and one fire prevention. The Response Time was 2.83 minutes, Average Number of Personnel 3.5 and Average Number of Apparatus 1.17.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEXAR COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GREY FOREST**

Mayor Reinhard stated we have been a part of the Community Development Block Grant Program for some time. It allows Bexar County to use the population and statistics of Grey Forest as part of their overall approach to manage the Community Development Block Grant Program. The program allows grants to cities and counties to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing and suitable living by expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income. Most of the grants don't apply to Grey Forest but it gives us the option to apply if something comes up that we would qualify for. There is a restriction that if Grey Forest is part of this Cooperative Agreement; any grants we apply for must go through the County. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the Cooperative Agreement. The term is for three years with an automatic renewal unless terminated. Council member Nottingham made the motion to accept the Community Development Block Grant Program Cooperative Agreement and ask the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City. The motion was seconded by Council member Tiner and passed unanimously.

#### **2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON DEPARTMENT SIGN FOR BEXAR COUNTY ESD NO. 8**

Mayor Reinhard stated Bexar County ESD No. 8 is leasing the building across the street which houses their operations. Travis Lorton stated the ESD is trying to keep the same look of the old sign with the rock and metal structure. The metal sign will have a vinyl sticker on it so if something changes later on; it will be easier to change out. It comes with a 10-year warranty. The structure is the same size as the old sign with LED down lighting. Placement will be approximately where the old sign was. The fire fighters helped design the sign and are happy with it. Mayor Reinhard stated the sign is being installed on City property which is why Council is approving it. If the ESD were to leave; they are responsible for either putting the property back the way it was without the sign or they could agree to leave the sign. Council member Darst made the motion to approve the ESD No. 8 Sign Concept and Plan. The motion was seconded by Council member Holleway and passed unanimously.

#### **3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ESTABLISHING TRAFFIC ZONES FOR THE INTERIOR CITY STREETS**

Mayor Reinhard stated there have been some concerns and complaints about the rate of speed on Sherwood Trail so he asked Chief Bejar to put up the Speed Spy to get some actual data. They took the 18400 section of Sherwood Trail and collected 121 hours of data with 761 vehicles during that period. Then they took it to the 18700 section of Sherwood Trail and collected 50 hours of data with 261 vehicles during that period. The Speed Spy was directed towards the traffic coming from the direction of Scenic Loop and only measured vehicles coming from that direction. The results were the average speed was 17.6 mph if you look at all the numbers. Out of the 761 vehicles, 18 vehicles were going in excess of

25 mph. Out of the 261 vehicles, 4 vehicles were going in excess of 25 mph. The speed limit has been 20 mph for years. Concerns have been should the speed limit be lowered to 15 mph. Council member Nottingham asked if we should consider additional stop signs. Chief Bejar stated studies show that stop signs don't serve the purpose of speed control. Council member Tiner stated it goes back to common sense and would rather keep the speed limit at 20 mph. Council member Darst stated instead of recreating the system; we can work on enforcing what's currently in place with tickets to those smaller numbers of individuals speeding. Council member Holleway stated she agrees with leaving the speed limit at 20 mph but would also like to see data for Sherwood Trail going the other direction. Mayor Reinhard stated we will table this item and Chief Bejar can do some additional studies.

**4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON BEXAR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT INTEREST IN EXPANDING THE USE OF THE HIGH WATER DETECTION SYSTEMS, OR HIGH WATER ALERT LIFESAVING TECHNOLOGY (HALT) SYSTEMS, THOUGHOUT BEXAR COUNTY**

Mayor Reinhard stated the City has been approached by Bexar County Public Works offering to put High Water Detections in our City. Bexar County would pay for the equipment and installation but the City would be responsible for maintaining it. Bexar County also has a contract of \$6,000 per site, per year for full maintenance of which the City would be responsible for. If the City chooses not to have a contract and the system fails; it would be our responsibility to fix it. He's bringing this item to Council for their concurrence on what action to take. His personal opinion is if we have these devices inside the City; it's too late, we rely on systems further upstream. In addition, he doesn't see us assuming the responsibility for maintenance as it's expensive. Chief Bejar stated because of the nature of flooding out here, the alerts haven't been much help and they get numerous false alarms. Council member Nottingham made the motion to respectfully deny this offer. The motion was seconded by Council member Holleway and passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

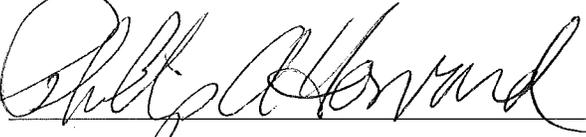
None.

There was no further business. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawuan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written ~~amended~~ on the 25th day of September, 2018.

Signed:

  
Phillip A. Howard, Mayor