

The Regular City Council Meeting of March 26, 2019 was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

MAYOR

Phillip Howard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Chief Rene Rodriguez

COUNCILMEMBERS

Susan Darst

Jennifer Nottingham

Geri Poss - Absent

Lynn Tiner – Absent

Kimberly Verity

Jay Shipley

Gigi Duke

Don Reddout

Mitch Thornton

Mayor Howard declared a quorum with Council member Darst, Council member Nottingham and Council member Verity present. The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 27, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting were reviewed. Council member Darst made the motion to approve the November 27, 2018 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Council member Verity and passed unanimously.

Mayor Howard stated the December 18, 2018 minutes are not completed.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS – None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

FEBRUARY 2019 MONTHLY FINANCIALS

Mayor Howard stated the new QuickBooks is easier to read. We are still putting old items back in. With QuickBooks Online, security and software updates are done automatically. This was suggested by our auditor last year as well as updating the computers. It was noted Line Item No. 100, Professional/Temporary Fees is over budget by \$4,715.70. Shannan Kinsley stated it is over budget due to engineering fees for the survey of the City.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome/Communication Initiative Update: Council member Poss was absent due to work commitments.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS – None.

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY BOARD (GFCB) UPDATE

Council member Nottingham stated Madeline McCloskey is absent and asked her to give the Board update. The City Wide Garage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. Madeline asked her to thank Public Works for removing a huge limb from a tree.

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA UPDATE

Council member Nottingham stated they will clear around \$3,400 from the auction and \$3,200 from ticket sales. The guest speaker spoke about how Cedar Trees are good and not detrimental to the environment. He is a professor from A&M and has done a lot of new research. The food was good, and everyone had a good time.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT UPDATE – None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Rene Rodriguez reviewed the February 2019 Monthly Activity Report. There were 194 calls for service, 1,008 hours worked, 4308 miles driven, 59 traffic stops, 56 summons issued, 16 warnings issued and 0 arrest.

TCOLE came back and found the deficiencies from the February 2019 audit were corrected and status closed/resolved. Questions were generated for the Knock & Talk Community Survey.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jay Shipley stated Junk Collection Day will be June 22, 2019. Road repair on Scenic Loop will start Monday. They will try to finish Grey Forest Drive and Cedar Crest by Friday. Citizens have been putting out limbs on the side of the road. Officers will help with notifying citizens that limbs should not be put out until notified of brush chipping and to remove the limbs from the street. We are not chipping at this point.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated there were 5 calls for service in the City for the month of February 2019; 2 assist EMS and 3 public service calls. The Average Response Time was 2 minutes. The new station at Babcock & Cielo Vista is coming along. They are going over final plans and making minor changes. Plans should be ready by next month for bid in May. They hope to break ground in June or July. They have applied for a grant for 6 more personnel.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF RETIRING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

1. MOTION BY CITY COUNCIL TO RETIRE INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS STATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND DISCUSSION OF LITIGATION OF EDWIN SCHARF AND IRENE SCHARF V. THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Council member Nottingham made the motion to retire into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously.

City Council retired into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The Regular City Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON LITIGATION OF EDWIN SCHARF AND IRENE SCHARF V. THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Council member Nottingham made the motion to advise Council to continue in the direction we've been going. The motion was seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 228 OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES

Council member Nottingham stated she knows they need to adopt this Ordinance, but she also knows that Council hasn't had time to review it. She'd suggest they adopt it, receive a hard copy and have a workshop to discuss points that are still in question. Mayor Howard stated he thought that this had already been done. There are a few ordinances that need to be reviewed and refreshed but it was discussed that they would go back through as needed. Council member Darst suggested they adopt the ordinance and then go back through to tackle ordinances needing changes like the Health Code. Mayor Howard stated everything will be ran through the City Attorney before adoption. Council member Verity made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 228. The motion was seconded by Council member Darst and passed unanimously. Mayor Howard stated we will get hard copies to Council.

There was no further business. Council member Darst made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council member Verity. Mayor Howard adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawna Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written ~~amended~~ on the 28th day of May, 2019.

Signed: Phillip A. Howard

Phillip A. Howard, Mayor