

The Regular City Council Meeting of October 23, 2018 was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

MAYOR

Phillip Howard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley
Chief David Bejar
Gigi Duke
Don Reddout

COUNCILMEMBERS

Susan Darst
Jennifer Nottingham - Absent
Geri Poss
Lynn Tiner
Kimberly Verity – Absent

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Howard stated the minutes of the May 22, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting and the minutes of the June 26, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting are not available for review due to technology upgrades.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS – None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Howard stated the financials could not be printed out due to technology updates. The computers are up, operational and about 98% running. Next month we will move to QuickBooks online. The security for the City’s website is being enhanced and will improve the ability to use mobile devices. Mayor Howard stated we are sad to report that Chief Bejar has decided to retire on January 31, 2019. We will begin the process of looking for his replacement.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS - None.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS – None.

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY BOARD (GFCB) UPDATE

Madeline McCloskey stated the Halloween Hayride is this coming weekend on Saturday. They’ve had 64 people RSVP so far. There will be three trailers for 30 kids with 10-11 stops. The Fall Festival and Veterans Appreciation Day will be on Sunday, November 11th. The Board isn’t looking to do anything about filling the swimming hole because it can’t be filled with treated water. The GFCB has decided groups previously using the facility for free that promote good causes will no longer use it for free and will be charged a minimum fee of \$10.00. This will allow the facility to be cleaned more than four times a year. They are working on coming up with a rate structure that promotes Grey Forest. Mayor Howard stated Madeline is doing a great job creating a sense of community and it’s appreciated.

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA UPDATE

Council member Nottingham was not present to give an update.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT UPDATE - None.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Bejar reviewed the September 2018 Monthly Activity Report. There were 122 calls for service, 932 hours worked, 5419 total miles driven, 91 traffic stops, 99 summons issued with 4 being no through trucks, 7 warnings issued and 1 arrest for a stolen pistol. Chief Bejar stated the increase in citations and arrests is due to Officer Ristow, our newest

full-time officer. Two weeks ago, Officer Ristow was closing the Madla Park when he heard a yell for help. He spotted two girls that weren't from Grey Forest. One of the girls had a bad reaction to drugs and was in need of medical attention. They transferred the girl to the hospital and her mother credits Officer Ristow for saving her daughter's life.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard stated Jay Shipley is getting settled in. Christian Holt is still working as a temporary employee. We will hold off on advertising that position until Jay gets settled in. Public Works continues to work on mowing, trimming, road repairs, patching potholes due to all the rain we've had and removing flood debris from the bridges. They will mow and trim the Grey Forest Community Center (GFCC) for the Halloween Party.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Howard stated the Weekly Water Levels went down just a little.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated there were five calls for service in the City for the month of September 2018. All calls were other than medical to include assisting with the flood from the recent rain and removing trees from the road. The Average Response Time was 2 minutes. Don Reddout stated the Fire Department completed another training at the GFCC. They want to thank the GFCB as it saves them money with no out of town lodging and everybody loves the place.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. 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

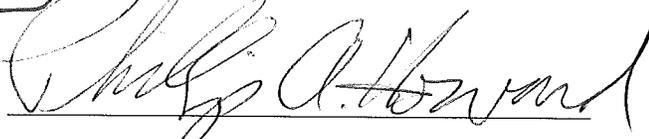
Mayor Howard asked for a motion to discuss Resolution No. 002-18. The motion to discuss Resolution No. 002-18 was made by Council member Tiner and seconded by Council member Darst. Mayor Howard stated Resolution No. 002-18 designates The Helotes Echo as the legally designated newspaper for publishing all legal notices and ads as mandated by State Law, Texas Local Government Code, Section 52.004 as the official newspaper to conduct City business. Mayor Howard stated The Helotes Echo is currently the legally designated newspaper and will remain the officially mandated newspaper until such time as this or a future City Council declares this resolution null and void by designating a different publication as the official newspaper for the City of Grey Forest. Council member Darst asked if The Helotes Echo publishes in the frequency that makes this valid to qualify for a municipality. Shannan Kinsley stated The Helotes Echo publishes once a week and does meet the standards. Mayor Howard asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 002-18. Council member Darst made the motion to approve Resolution No. 002-18 legally designating The Helotes Echo as the newspaper for publishing all legal notices and ads to conduct City business. The motion was seconded by Council member Poss and passed unanimously.

There was no further business. Mayor Howard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shannan Kinsley.

These amended minutes were approved as written/amended on the 26th day of February, 2019.

Signed:



Phillip A. Howard, Mayor