

The Regular Council Meeting of April 23, 2013 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**MAYOR**

Ron Reinhard

**OTHERS**

Shannan Kinsley  
Chief C.E. Rutledge  
Officer David Bejar  
Don Reddout  
Susan Beavin  
Gigi Duke  
Brenda Reinhard  
Pat Tiner

Shane Reddout  
Murry Hughey  
Tim Garcia

**COUNCILMEMBERS**

Don Nettle - Absent  
Jennifer Nottingham  
Mitch Thornton  
Lynn Tiner  
Jeff Waldrop

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilperson Nettle would not be present this evening.

**PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS**

There was no presentation by citizens/visitors. Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to welcome Tim Garcia to the meeting this evening. He is a scout working on his Citizen in Community Merit Badge and is here to observe the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 26, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the March 26, 2013 minutes as presented was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Nottingham and passed unanimously.

**MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mayor Reinhard stated the financials are on track. Several expenses are under budget. He would like to note on Line Item No. 112, Office Equipment & Software, a new phone system in City Hall was purchased. The phone system had a system failure in February. It was old and has had several system failures. The parts were hard to find and expensive. We were able to purchase the new system at a very reasonable amount along with an extended warranty. Mayor Reinhard stated Junk Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be two containers and Public Works will be there to assist residents. The Franklin Legal Publishing process continues to move forward. They just finished their full legal review. We need to review their finding and the next step will be to meet with them.

**COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilperson Nottingham stated the Madla Natural Area is functioning well. They've been told people are visiting the park daily. They need to organize a landscape committee. There is a lot of invasive growth that needs to be removed. They can't do anything on the electric until the end of summer when the birds leave. The Madla Conservancy is still selling pavers and boulders that can be dedicated/personalized. The next board meeting is this Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT**

Chief Rutledge stated the March 2013 Monthly Activity Report has been provided. He would like to note they've received reports of someone peeping into windows. They've identified an individual in the City that walks the public streets late at night and in dark clothes. At this time, there is nothing to support that this is the individual peeping into windows but they will continue to monitor and be visual. Chief Rutledge stated the Police Department continues to have 24 hour coverage and stated the importance of calling dispatch if there is an emergency or suspicious activity. Chief Rutledge stated he is saddened to say that Lieutenant Frank Francis recently lost his wife. He stated Lieutenant Francis'

loss is our loss. They are thinking of him and his family during this time. Buddy Gonzales who has been with the department for 4-5 months has sadly suffered a severe stroke and will not be returning. They will continue to strive to get more reserve officers.

### **PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chief Rutledge stated he is pleased to announce that both Public Works positions have been filled. Brush chipping will begin the first week of May. The goal is to be done the first week of July. Each residence will be allowed two free pick up loads. Additional piles can be purchased at \$50.00 a load. They will be notified two weeks in advance of their chipping date. The goal is to chip on site. Residents will have to notify the City if they want it chipped off site.

### **GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Reinhard stated Jeff English is not present this evening. The utility has their Annual Board Meeting tomorrow night. The weekly water levels have been provided. They ask that you please continue to be conservative.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Don Reddout reviewed the March 2013 Department Incident Report. There were 4 calls in the City - 3 EMS/1 assist Police Department. They will have a booth at Cornyval. They have 2 shifts still available to serve hotdogs if anyone is interested. Shane Reddout provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the April 3<sup>rd</sup> fire at the Swanderosa facility. He stated the call came in as a fire alarm at about 1:03 a.m. and when they arrived on site the fire was already through the roof. The facility is approximately 9,000 square feet. It was used as a residence where the family lived and as a wedding/event venue. Seven agencies assisted them. Shane Reddout reviewed the PowerPoint presentation outlining the details of the structure fire. He stated the Fire Marshall has listed the fire as undetermined as there was just too much damage. Shane Reddout stated they lost \$14,356 worth of equipment in the fire. They put a claim into TML but so far TML has denied the claim stating the items are used as part of their daily practice and normal operations so it's not covered. They will continue to work with TML. Mayor Reinhard and City Council thanked Shane Reddout for the presentation.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF TWO NON-PAID PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS**

Officer David Bejar presented to City Council, Gary Dominguez for consideration as a part time Police Officer. He stated Mr. Dominguez graduated from AACOG with a Peace Officer License in 2012. He has a full time job as an Account Executive. His references speak highly of him. This will be his first job out of the academy and is very excited to come onboard. Mr. Dominguez has been riding along with our Police Department for some time. They feel he will be a great asset to the department. Officer David Bejar presented to City Council, Elmer Williams. Mr. Williams has been a Houston Fire Fighter for 23 years. He lives in San Antonio but has been commuting to Houston since 1995. Mr. Williams has 5 years experience as a Police Officer and 10 years experience as a Reserve. He comes with excellent references, experience and feels he would be a great asset to the department. The motion to accept Gary Dominguez and Elmer Williams as recommended as part time Police Officers with the Grey Forest Police Department was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Thornton and passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **2. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SETTING DATE FOR COUNCIL WORKSHOP TO CONTINUE REVIEW OF DRAFTED NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE**

Mayor Reinhard stated review of the animal ordinance was concluded at the April 15<sup>th</sup> Workshop Meeting. We are in the process of updating the ordinance and making the recommended changes. Mayor Reinhard stated he suggests the item be tabled until the May Council Meeting where he'd like to see a final workshop scheduled for June. This would give City Council a chance to have a final review of the ordinance before going to the City Attorney for legal review. It was Council's consensus to table item until May.

Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawuan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2013.

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