

The Regular Council Meeting of June 26, 2012 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Don Reddout

Pat Warr

Chief C.E. Rutledge

Susan Beavin

Mandie Waldrop

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle - Absent

Brenda Reinhard

Gigi Duke

Jennifer Nottingham

Tony Currier

Sue Peavy

Mitch Thornton

Trisch Currier

Mark Peavy

Lynn Tiner

Ann Mabry

Arnold Briones

Jeff Waldrop

Jack Dobbs

Aurelia Scharnhorst

Marjorie Mautz

Ed Scharf

A quorum was declared. Councilperson Nettle was not present due to a family emergency.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Mayor Reinhard stated presentations by citizens and visitors are an opportunity for citizens to bring forward items they would like Council to consider. There can be no discussion, only questions seeking clarification.

Tony Currier stated he is before City Council to make a formal verbal complaint about the peacocks in the City. Mr. Currier provided Council a handout on the research he found showing that exotic peafowl meets the definition of a public nuisance, loud disturbing noises, attracts predators to the community and brings disease/sanitation concerns. Mr. Currier stated there is currently approximately 20 peacocks in the City and prays City Council will act to resolve the problem while the number is still manageable.

Don Reddout stated Public Works is doing a great job but would like to see if it would be possible to clear more brush in the right of ways. Mr. Reddout stated the problem on the streets is not so much the speed limits but people not paying attention together with brush blocking the view on some of the narrow streets.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and passed with 2 YES and 2 ABSTAINING by Councilperson Nottingham and Councilperson Tiner as they were not present at the meeting.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard reviewed the May 2012 Financials. He stated we're approximately seventy five percent through the year and doing well working within the budget. Mayor Reinhard stated the official City website, www.greyforest-tx.gov is up and running. City employees and Council have been given new .gov email addresses. The website is primarily informational and will post things such as calendar of events, minutes, agendas. It's moderately simple and they still have a few tweaks to work out.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Nottingham stated Scenic Loop~Boerne Stage Alliance is heavily involved in the proposed road closure of the Old Spanish Trail in Leon Springs that runs behind Rudy's. There is a development going in and developers are pushing closure of the road. Alliance members are at a TX.DOT meeting now asking that the land not be called surplus and not be handed over to the City of San Antonio. Councilperson Nottingham stated WIAC didn't meet. The Madla Board didn't meet but board members are working on a butterfly garden, landscaping and facilities.

POLICE DEPRATMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Rutledge stated the May 2012 Monthly Activity Report has been provided. Chief Rutledge stated there have been a number of burglaries in Grey Forest and surrounding area, all unlocked cars or doors. They continue to investigate and would like to remind everyone to always lock their cars and doors. Additionally, if you are going out of town this time of the year to remember to fill out a out of town report as crime is typically higher during the summer months.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chief Rutledge stated Public Works is working on trimming the canopy height in some areas of the City and continues to work on clearing the right of ways.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff English stated the wells are in great shape. He would like to remind everyone that drought restrictions have not been lifted. Although the restrictions are voluntarily, he asks that everyone conserve and be mindful. Mr. English stated the Board of Trustees has asked him to pursue looking for a location for another tank in the future. He has their engineers looking into the options. The utility is in the process of installing a new geographic system. The operations are doing excellent and they are ahead of their 5-year plan. They scored a 100% on the Texas Railroad Commission Inspection and received an excellent rating on the Texas Municipal League Safety Inspection.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated the May 2012 report has been provided. They had 12 runs in the City – 4 EMS/Assists, 1 no response and 7 others. He stated the 7 is listed under fire but is not necessarily fire. Anything that is not medical falls under this category.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT OF BOARDMEMBER TO THE GFU BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR TERM EXPIRING 09/30/2012 OF BOARDMEMBER MR. BOB CAGE

2. DISCUSS LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO RETIRE FROM GFU BOARD OF TRUSTEES BY MR. BOB CAGE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT OF BOARDMEMBER TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM

Mayor Reinhard stated the position of Mr. Bob Cage on the GFU Board of Trustees will expire at the end of September 2012. Additionally, Mr. Cage has provided a letter of retirement to Chairman Harry Drought asking that if possible, he be allowed to relinquish his position as early as July. Jeff English stated the GFU Board of Trustees followed the established procedures of advertising and posting the position to seek qualified individuals. The Board of Trustees received credentials from one interested individual, Mr. Arnold Briones. Mr. Briones is an Engineer with years of experience in engineering and land development. He has impressive credentials that will be beneficial to the Board of Trustees in maintaining oversight of GFU Operations. Mr. English stated at the May 2012 Meeting, the GFU Board of Trustees unanimously recommended that Mr. Briones be selected to replace Mr. Cage and if possible, the appointment be made so that Mr. Briones can replace Mr. Cage effective July 2012. Mr. Arnold Briones introduced himself. Councilperson Waldrop made the motion to: 1) appoint Arnold Briones to fill the expiring position of Bob Cage for a 4-year term 2) accept the resignation of Bob Cage 3) appoint Mr. Briones to fill the unexpired term of Bob Cage effective July. The motion was seconded by Councilperson Thornton and passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEXAR COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Mayor Reinhard stated before Council is a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Community Development Block Grant Program Cooperative Agreement with Bexar County. Mayor Reinhard stated Bexar County receives CDBG and HOME program grants to help develop communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expand economic opportunities for principally low to moderate income person, seniors and disabled people. Some examples of how funds can be used are senior meal programs, youth services, housing rehabilitation, rental assistance, etc. Mayor Reinhard stated the Cooperative Agreement makes programs potentially available to citizens if they qualify. He stated the agreement has gone through legal review with the City Attorney and he had no objection. The motion to approve Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Cooperative Agreement and participate in the designation was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously.

4. CONSIDER AND ACT ON INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMS DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF HELOTES, TEXAS AND THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS

Mayor Reinhard stated before Council is an Interlocal Agreement for Police, Fire, and EMS Dispatch Services. The City of Helotes handles dispatching services for the City and overall is doing a good job communicating with the Police Department. Chief Rutledge stated he has reviewed the contract and feels continuing dispatch services through the City of Helotes would be beneficial to the City. He stated they have done a good job communicating and work well with him on any issues that come up. The terms and cost of the agreement will remain the same. It has gone through legal review and approved by the City Attorney. The motion to accept the Interlocal Agreement for Dispatch Services with the City of Helotes was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Thornton and passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SELECTION OF A MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS

Mayor Reinhard stated the Mayor Pro Tem acts in the Mayor's absence and has signature authority. Councilperson Waldrop has been the Mayor Pro Tem over the past year. Mayor Reinhard stated he appreciates Councilperson Waldrop's support in his absence over the past year. Councilperson Nottingham stated Councilperson Waldrop has done a job good and she would like to nominate him to serve another term if he doesn't mind. The motion to appoint Councilperson Waldrop as Mayor Pro Tem for a term of 1-year was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed with 3 YES and 1 ABSTAINING by Councilperson Waldrop.

6. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR TWO BOARDMEMBER POSITIONS AND ONE ALTERNATE BOARDMEMBER POSITION ON TERMS EXPIRING JULY 25, 2012

Mayor Reinhard stated the Board of Adjustment is given the duty to consider special exemptions and variances to the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. Positions expiring in July 2012 are of Freda Hoffman, Le Moey Wiebush and Alternate position of Tom Crick. Mayor Reinhard stated we spoke with the expiring positions and they are all willing to serve another term. There was discussion on filling the vacancies of two open alternate positions and spreading the word in the community to anyone interested. The motion to reappoint the three candidates based on their agreement to continue serving was made by Councilperson Waldrop, seconded by Councilperson Nottingham and passed unanimously.

7. CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST BY SLPC TO HOLD 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Mayor Reinhard stated SLPC has submitted a request to hold their annual 4th of July parade. The Police Chief has reviewed and approved the parade route. The parade will be on July 4th. They have planned a water slide at 4:00 p.m., meal at 6:00 p.m. and parade at 7:00 p.m. The motion to approve the SLPC 4th of July parade was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

8. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SPEED LIMITS AND STOP SIGNS ON INNER CITY STREETS

Councilperson Thornton stated he worked with the Chief on placing the radar box at multiple locations inside the City. It was placed on Grey Forest Drive where the average speed was 15 mph; high of 27 mph. Hillside Drive where the average speed was 10 mph; high of 18 mph. Sherwood Trail where the average speed was 18 mph; high of 26 mph. Councilperson Thornton stated he would like to see considered the possibility of dropping the speed limit in the inner City streets to 15 mph to raise awareness to those that are speeding. In addition, for safety reasons look at placing 4 way stop sign at Bluebonnet/Park and 3 way stop sign at Lovers Lane/Grey Forest Drive. Chief Rutledge stated they have the stop signs. He received a quote of approximately \$580.00 for warning signs posting that the speed limit is 15 mph unless otherwise posted and signs of the actual speed limit, 20 signs in total. Mayor Reinhard stated an Ordinance is needed to change speed limits or stop signs. He stated they will put something together and place on next month's agenda.

9. DISCUSS ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE NO. 51 AND AMENDMENT NO. 51-D REGULATING LIVESTOCK

Councilperson Thornton stated a year ago August, the Stone family came to Council requesting a variance to allow their daughter's to raise swine for 4-H projects. The family was told at that time the ordinance would be reviewed due to how it was written. Now almost a year later, the family will be coming before Council again for a variance but the ordinance has not been addressed. While he is aware that the ordinances are in the legal review process, he doesn't think it is fair to tell the people in the situation that it still hasn't been addressed. Councilperson Thornton stated he would like to see if they could put together a committee to review the Ordinance and then incorporate it into the revised code/ordinances currently under review. Councilperson Nottingham stated this family was told over 2 years ago the ordinance would be reviewed. Mayor Reinhard stated he recommends a committee be put together with one Councilmember that voted for the project and one that voted against it. Councilperson Thornton and Councilperson Nettle stated they would be willing to review and bring back recommendations at the next meeting. It was discussed the results of the 2011 citizen questionnaire would be taken into consideration as well as procedures for notification, time frames, etc.

10. CONTINUE DISCUSSION AND ACT ON CITY OF GREY FOREST 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Brenda Reinhard provided a handout outlining what the planning committee has accomplished over the past two months. "Save the date" postcards were mailed. They communicated with the City regarding use of Public Works and Police Department for mowing, traffic, etc. Discussed and planning for presentations, recognitions, tours of City Hall and Fire Department, rental of porta-potties, children's activities, opening ceremony, photographer, and grocery list. They've approved the letter for potential donations and to date have received \$1,150.00 in donations. Brenda Reinhard stated they are thankful for the support received through the Planning Committee, Mayor, City Council, City Staff, GFU and Fire Department. They encourage and welcome all to get involved in the event. Next meeting is July 16th 6:30 p.m. Ann Mabry stated she would like to thank Brenda Reinhard for her hard work and a great job on pulling all together.

The motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Waldrop and adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shannon Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 24 day of July, 2012.

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