

The Regular Council Meeting of September 25, 2012 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Jennifer Nottingham

Mitch Thornton

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop - Absent

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Lieutenant Frank Francis

Brenda Reinhard

Susan Beavin

Trisch Currier

Tony Currier

Gigi Duke

Don Reddout

Jeff English

Lalo Gutierrez

Alfredo Gonzales

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilperson Waldrop had a work commitment this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the August 28, 2012 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Councilperson Nettle, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously.

The minutes of the September 17, 2012 Public Hearing/Special Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Councilperson Nottingham, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed with 3 YES and 1 ABSTAINING by Councilperson Thornton as he wasn't present at the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Brenda Reinhard stated the 50th Birthday Celebration had a great turnout. She hopes to have the books closed out by the City Fiscal Year end. Brenda Reinhard displayed pictures that were presented at the celebration. She stated Cheryl Nelsoncy spent over 200 hours embroidering the portrait with the history of Mayors. Kurt Youngblood donated the frame for the portrait. The pictures of the mailboxes and Welcome to Grey Forest, A Scenic Playground will be left in City Hall for a couple of months for citizens to sign. They would like to hang the three pictures in Council Chambers. The left over ice cream was donated. Anything that was unopened and not used will be returned. They will be getting gift cards for the choirs that came. Brenda Reinhard thanked the committee for their help, hard work and dedication to make it a memorable event. She stated they plan to have a party for the committee.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the Fiscal Year ends September 30th. He stated we will end the year fairly close to performing as budgeted. Mayor Reinhard stated the 50th Birthday Celebration was very nice and well received by the citizens/visitors. He stated they received many positive responses and the residents were happy.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilperson Nottingham stated Scenic Loop~Boerne Stage Alliance went to Austin to speak before the Texas Transportation Commission about not closing the Old Spanish Trail and it was a total bust. They continue to work on the application for historical markers. Susan Beavin has worked endlessly on this and is going to the Bexar County Historical Commission Meeting the 1st Monday in October. Twice a year WIAC takes a tour of what the storm water people are doing. This October they'll take a tour of Government Canyon to try and figure out how to tell the powers at be that there is no reason to put a damn there. The Madla Park now has water to the pavilion. They ran the water from the residence at the top of the hill down to the pavilion. The Board continues to work on the Circle of Friends and getting the pavers in. Once completed, they will work on the entrance.

POLICE DEPRATMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Lieutenant Frank Francis presented and reviewed the August 2012 Monthly Activity Report. He stated a non-paid part time Police Officer will be presented later on the Agenda for Council's consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated with only having a part time Public Works employee right now, Francisco is trying to keep things going. Upon approval of the budget, the full time Public Works position will be opened up and published.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jeff English stated the utility is doing well and in excess of 300 new customers. They hope to approach 500. The utility is well funded and operating out of cash funds, no borrowing. They are on budget with the 5-Year Plan. Mr. English stated he would like to see scheduled the workshop between City Council and the Board of Trustee's to discuss future plans and put together an organized plan of action. He suggested they schedule it for a date in October and would send Council a series of possible dates. He asks that Council respond with their availability and he would coordinate. Mr. English stated the water/wells are good and doing better than they were this time last year.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout stated the August 2012 report has been provided. There was one call in the City this past month, a Medical Assist. They acquired a ladder truck at a good price through Federal Surplus and it's ready to roll.

Mayor Reinhard stated he will move into the New/Old Business Agenda. This is for Council deliberation and discussion. If he recognizes somebody in the audience or asks someone to speak, they will allow that input.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF NON-PAID PART TIME POLICE OFFICER

Lieutenant Frank Francis presented to Council Alfredo A. Gonzales who also goes by the name Buddy. Mr. Gonzales started his career at the Bexar County Sheriff's Office for about 8 years and then moved to Terrell Hills Police Department for 18 years. While at Terrell Hills he served as an Investigator, Crime Prevention Officer, Supervisor, Field Training Officer and Computer Security/Programming. In addition, he worked for the City of Alamo Heights and Balcones Heights before retiring. Mr. Gonzales has decided he wants to reactivate his Peace Officers License and volunteer with Grey Forest. He has an Advanced Certificate and comes recommended by one of our officers. Lieutenant Francis stated he thinks Mr. Gonzales will be a very good asset to the department and recommends for Council consideration Mr. Gonzales. Councilperson Thornton stated he's more than qualified and made a motion to approve the addition of Alfredo "Buddy" Gonzales. Councilperson Nottingham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 196 MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST AND ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR.

Mayor Reinhard stated the Budget Public Hearing was held September 17th as required by law and the budget was discussed in depth. Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to recommend one change based on discussions brought up at the Public Hearing. He stated under Line Item No. 602, Citizens Education & Activities, he recommends increasing the Line Item an additional \$200. The change would increase Line Item No. 602 to \$2,000 and decrease Line Item No. 1300, Contingency Fund by \$200. Mayor Reinhard stated the intent of Line Item No. 602 was to

support activities by SLPC that benefit all citizens but forgot about the Easter Egg Hunt held by the Fire Department which is also a good event that we want to support. Mayor Reinhard asked if there was any further discussion on the budget and there was none. The motion to approve Ordinance No. 196 and the 2012/2013 Fiscal Year Budget with the changes discussed was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Nettle and passed unanimously.

3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 197 LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF 0.093525/\$100

Mayor Reinhard stated the budget submitted was based on not increasing the tax rate to citizens. Ordinance No. 197 presented to Council keeps the current tax rate of 0.093525 per \$100 valuation. The motion to approve Ordinance No. 197 Levying Taxes was made by Councilperson Tiner, seconded by Councilperson Nottingham and passed unanimously.

4. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 198 MANIFESTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GREY FOREST AND GREY FOREST VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Mayor Reinhard stated Ordinance No. 198 is an agreement between the City and Fire Department for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services. He stated Ordinance No. 198 presented reflects the contract amount that was submitted in the budget. The contract amount is spread out over 3 payments. The motion to accept Ordinance No. 198 for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Tiner and passed unanimously.

5. DISCUSS AND ACT ON SETTING DATE FOR ANNUAL JUNK DAY PICK UP

Mayor Reinhard stated we typically set a date in October for the Annual Junk Day Pickup. He stated the City is short on Public Works employees but we may be able to get help from GFU. There was discussion on dates and help for the event. The motion to set the Annual Junk Day Pickup for October 20th was made by Councilperson Thornton, seconded by Councilperson Nettle and passed unanimously. Mayor Reinhard stated he will look into what kind of help the City is able to get. If the City isn't able to find help, he will bring it back to Council. Council consented.

OLD BUSINESS:

6. DISCUSS AND ACT ON ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC ZONES, STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS, ORDERING THE ERECTION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE

Councilperson Thornton provided a map that he drove with Councilperson Nottingham. He stated Councilperson Nottingham came up with a different idea of leaving the speed limits at 20 mph but placing more caution signs at the curves and cleaning the mirrors. In addition, still look at stop signs at 1) Lovers Lane/Grey Forest Drive 2) Park/Sherwood Trail and 3) Park/Bluebonnet. Councilperson Thornton stated he agrees with the idea as a first approach. There was further discussion by Council on areas of concern. Concerned areas discussed: yield sign at Sherwood Trail instead; stop sign at Lookout Mountain/Hillside going into Sherwood; Park/Bluebonnet right before triangle coming down park; and stop sign or 3 way sign at Lovers Lane coming down. It was discussed that new signs could have orange caution tape hanging from them in the beginning to warn people. In addition, direct the Police Department to patrol the areas and give warnings to let them know they are watching. Councilperson Thornton stated he would like to table the item until he is able to get with the Chief to review. Mayor Reinhard stated the item would be placed on the next Agenda.

7. DISCUSS DRAFT OF NEW ANIMAL ORDINANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGULATING ANIMALS

Mayor Reinhard stated the proposed new animal ordinance has been presented to Council. He stated there's a lot to the ordinance and feels a workshop may be needed. Mayor Reinhard stated he's proposing Council go through the ordinance in depth and bring back thoughts/comments at a workshop. Councilperson Nottingham stated she would like to point out the following few comments. Under Public Nuisance, barking dogs, you need a decibel to enforce. In the past, Chief has told her they need a decibel to enforce noise. Under Sec. 2-2, Keeping of Domestic Animals, clarify how many animals. Consider if lawful animals grandfathered in should be allowed for the life of that animal or one year as proposed. There needs to be a definition of Wild State Animals. They need to consider the number of farm animals, chickens, turkeys, etc. they want to allow. Councilperson Nottingham stated she would like to make sure the responses to the Citizen Questionnaire are included in the discussion at the workshop. Councilperson Thornton stated in review of other animal ordinances, most Public Nuisances for example barking dogs was defined by time, not decibel. He stated he will look at other cities and also see how Helotes enforces. Dates for a workshop were discussed. Mayor Reinhard asked that Council send him their availability for the month of October and he will coordinate a workshop. Mayor Reinhard asked that Council read the proposed ordinance in depth and carefully.

Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shawna Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written amended on the 23 day of October, 2012.

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