

Grand Saline City Council
September 13, 2022
Regular Meeting Minutes
7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember July Cato and Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson was not present.

Invocation given by Kathy Smith followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City staff present – Melisa Milliorn, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Destry Sills, Christian Barajas, Gary Pettis, Jessica Garza, Teri Everitt, Mary Corrales, TJ Foster, McKenzie Chandler, Kay Barber, Taylor Morgan, Kevin Bridger and Logan Craft.

Others Present: Janet Raulston, Terry Raulston, Vanessa Pettis, Vanessa Morrow, Jimmy White, Ronata Sills, Sheila Barker, Jerry Barker, Chad LaPrade, Janice McLeod, Joel McCraw, Dustin Mason, Amanda Greer, Tammy Chitty, Nikki Rowan, Leah Erwin, Taylor Chitty, Pat Taylor, Mike Taylor, Michael Sullivan, Matt Motley, Tammy Weidman, Mike Stamper, Johnny Currey, Garrett Morgan, Steve Pawlitschek, David Cox, Linda Daugherty, Virginia Williams, Micah Lewis, Judy Rowton, and Andy Reese.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for August 9, 2022 Regular Meeting and August 17, 2022 Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for May 2022, June 2022, July 2022 and August 2022- Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve the Financials for May 2022, June 2022, July 2022 and August 2022. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the Motion. Councilmembers Kathy Smith and July Cato voted against approving the Financials. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels voted to Approve Financials. Motion Passed.

Public Participation – Tyler Owens, TMPA representative spoke on behalf of the GSPD and Chief Barker. Matt Motley spoke during item K. Caden Mosher and Walter Dugan spoke during item B. Micah Lewis, GSISD Superintendent spoke during items C and M.

Nikki Rowan with Flyway Clothing Co. presented the GSFD with a donation check in the amount of \$1,706.00 to be spent however Chief Barker sees fit.

Chief Barker, Public Safety Director read a statement thanking the citizens for their support regarding the recent allegations brought against him by Councilmember July Cato and the findings of no crimes committed by District Attorney Tonda Curry.

Resolution 2022-12-Councilmember Ridge Tardy Made a Motion to Approve the SRO Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between GSISD and the City of Grand Saline. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-13- Councilmember Kathy Smith mad a motion to Appoint Christian Barajas as the Fire Marshal. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-14- Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve Street Closures for the Rootin' for Rainey 5k. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-114- Adopting Organizational Chart was tabled until the September 27, 2022 Special Called Meeting.

Ordinance 2022-117- Amending Section 9.03.062(8) City Secretary Duties was tabled until the September 2, 2022 Special Called Meeting.

Ordinance 2022-118- Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve amending Article 3.11 (Use of Cargo, Shipping, or Storage Containers). Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-119- Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to adopt a \$.71 cent tax rate for 2022. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and Take Action as Necessary on Proposed Council Guidelines & Procedures-Councilmember Kathy Smith asked for input from other members. No Action Taken.

Discuss and Take Action as Necessary on Sanitation Solutions Contract and Services- Matt Motley spoke on his experiences with Sanitation Solutions and asked the Council to look into other options. This item will be on the September 27, 2022 Special Called Meeting Agenda. No Action Taken.

Discuss Audit Areas of Concern- Councilmember Kathy Smith expressed her concerns with the most recent 2020-2021 audit. Suggested increasing the cash on hand limits. No Action Taken.

Discuss and Take Action as Necessary future workshop of Jr. Fire Fighter Program- Micah Lewis, GSISD Superintendent on behalf of the Dual Credit Fire Academy. Future Workshop. No Action Taken.

Discuss and Take Action as Necessary Grand Saline Youth Foundation Agreement- Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the GSYF Agreement and shred/return previous \$1,400 check received from the Youth Foundation. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

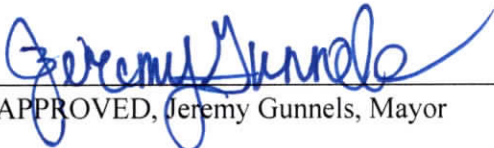
Discuss and Take Action as Necessary Park Renovation- Dustin Mason with the GSYF presented Park Renovation Plans and information on Grant.

Departmental reports- given by the Department Heads.

Executive Session-No Executive Session

Council Comment/Future Comments- Fire Program Workshop, Sanitation Solutions Contract, Financials Workshop. Councilmember July Cato read a statement.

Adjourn-Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor


ATTEST, Melisa Milliorn, City Secretary