

**Grand Saline City Council**  
**November 9, 2021**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Minutes**

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, and Councilmember Jennifer Henderson. Councilmember July Cato was absent.

**Invocation** was given by Jason Ivy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

**Minutes-** Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the October 12, 2021, minutes. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Financials-** Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve September and October financials. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments-** Citizen's Kristi Wheeler and Harry Clifford spoke during the Public Comments.

**City staff present** -Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Jeremy Barker, David Savage, Beverley Pearson, Tomasa King, and Tammy Weidman.

**Others present-** Dustin Mason, Kristi Wheeler, Judy Rowton, Jim Lea, Dean Phillips, Linda Mayhugh, Matt Motley, Nikki Rowan, and Harry Clifford.

**Ordinance 2021-107-** Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the Amendment of Article 13.03, Section 13.03.005, Subpart (H) in Chapter 13 of the Code of Ordinances, Relating to the Deposit Rates and Requirements of Utility Accounts. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2021-109-** Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the amendments to Ordinance 2020-110: "Grand Saline's Personnel Policy Manual" specifically "Sick Leave Bank Policy" and adding a "Vacation Buy Back Policy" Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-26** – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the City of Grand Saline, Texas joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreements secured by the Office of the Attorney General; authorizing the execution of settlement Participation forms; and establishing an effective date. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-27-** Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the Appointment of Micah Lowe and Kelly Walker to the Economic Development Board (EDC) for a term of two (2) years. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-28** –Abandon right-of-way located in the South Bell Survey, Abstract No. 46 to Nikki Rowan and discuss conveying said right-of-way by quit claim deed. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve. Motion dies from lack of a second. Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a

motion to table until the December 14, 2021, Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-29** – Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Scott Hyde of the VZCAD as the person responsible for the calculation of the City’s no-new revenue tax rate and the voter approval tax rate. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-30**– Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve VZCAD 2022-2023 Board of Directors, voting ballot. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution 2021-31** - Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the Appointment of Linda Mayhugh to the Main Street Advisory Board for a term of Three (3) years. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve EDC Expenditure of \$78,500 to be paid to the Grand Saline Salt Museum-** Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the expenditure. Motion dies from lack of a second.

**Matt Motley Variance on property located at 319 Oleander Street-** No action taken. Item was tabled.

**Discuss “Save the Pool” signs-** No action taken.

**Update from Parks Board-** Dustin Mason updated council on future park improvements.

**Approve Lease Agreement between The City of Grand Saline and the Van Zandt County Emergency Services District Number two (2)-** Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the lease agreement. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Salt Museum Contract-** Tabled

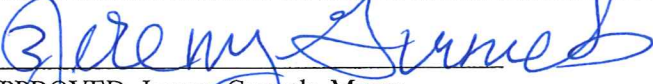
**Department Reports-** Department Reports were presented by Department Heads.


**Executive Session –** Adjourn to executive session at 9:19 p.m.

**Reconvene into Open Session to take action from Executive Session at 9:47 p.m.** No action taken.

**Council comments/future agenda items**

**Adjourn-**Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Councilmember Jennifer Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

  
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APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

  
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ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary