

Grand Saline City Council
May 11, 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 July Cato, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, and Councilmember Jennifer Henderson. Councilmember Jason Ivy was absent.

Swearing in and Oath of Offices- Jeremy Gunnels was sworn in for a 2-year term as Mayor, Mary Jane Hollowell and Jennifer Henderson were sworn in for 2-year terms as Councilmembers.

Invocation was given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

Minutes- Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 and April 13, 2021 minutes. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials- Councilmember July Cato, made a motion to approve financials from September 2020 to April 2021. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments- No Public Comments

City staff present -Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, David Savage, Tammy Weidman, Kelli Bryant, and Logan Craft

Others present- City Attorney, Blake Armstrong, Ruth Savage, Sammy Savage, Chad LaPrade, Jim Lea, Angela Lee, Yvonne Trent, Jan Adamson, Tammy Chitty, Harry Clifford, Michelle Fite, Bert Fite and Johnny Thompson.

Appoint Ridge Tardy to one-year Council Term- Councilmember July Cato made a motion to appoint Ridge Tardy to a one-year council term. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of a Mayor Pro Tem- Councilmember July Cato made a motion to appoint Mary Jane Hollowell as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2021-104- Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Beverley Pearson as Municipal Judge for a 2-year term. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-11 Canvass the votes of the election- Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the canvass of the election votes. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-13 Appoint Main Street Advisory Board- Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve Kay Barber, Matt Means, Jimmie Williams, Tomasa King and Robin Witcher for a three-year term on the Main Street Advisory Board. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-12 – Appoint Planning and Zoning Board- Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve Kerry Kindle, Aaron Miller, Rex White and Micah Lowe to a two-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-14 Adoption of the Public Funds Investment Act- Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adopt the Public Funds Investment Act. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss access to the rear entry of Sammy’s Beauty Shop- No action taken

Discuss Alley on Main Street and Action as Necessary-No action taken

Approve Street Closure for Salt Festival Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve street closures for the Salt Festival. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Discuss Grand Saline Library- Librarian Kelli Bryant updated Mayor and Council on Library activities. No action taken.

Discuss J Berry Nursery purchasing abandoned city well and action as necessary- No action taken.

Accept Johnny Thompson Letter of Resignation from EDC Board- Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the resignation of Johnny Thompson from the EDC Board. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss American Rescue Plan-City Administrator, Tully Davidson updated Mayor and Council on the ARP and that the City will receive \$691,837.49 in funds.


Department Reports- Department reports were given by Department Heads.

Executive Session-Council convened into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss Salt Museum Building 101 and 103 N. Main Street usage.

Reconvene from Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.-Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve City Administrator, Tully Davidson to get an appraisal on the building located at 101 and 103 N. Main Street. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council comments/future agenda items- City Lake Survey

Adjourn-Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Councilmember Jennifer Hudson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

MARY JANE HOLLOWELL, MAYOR PRO TEM



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

