



**CITY OF LA MARQUE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
of
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, December 16, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Special Meeting to order at 6:29 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Chris Lane	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Charles "Tink" Jackson	City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk
Derra Purnell	Acting City Attorney

(3) PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

a. Excellent Customer Service Awards

Troy Anders was presented with a Customer Service Award for his professionalism and kindness during a traffic stop as depicted in excerpts from a letter read by Mayor Hocking submitted by a woman visiting the area during vacation.

DeWanna Pleasant and Joe Mose were each presented with a Customer Service Award for a quick response to a callout at a citizen's home in which an estimated resolution time was given at 2 weeks, the pair resolved the issue the very next day.

Chief Todd Weidman was presented with a Customer Service Award for taking the time to assist a citizen in changing a tire on the roadway.

- b. Presentation of CPM Scholarships
Chaise Cary (Public Works Director), Chief Kirk Jackson (Police), Charlene Warren (City Administration), and Sloane Witter (Fire Administration), all received this scholarship.
- c. Proclamation and Presentation - Epilepsy Month (November)
There was no one available to receive this Proclamation.
- d. Special Recognitions
Mayor announced Chief Todd Weidman's recent graduation of the CPM program. (Fire)
Officer Calvin Harp received the 2019 Distinguished Employee Award.
Amanda Hobby received the Customer Service Award.
Tyrone Griffin and Chief Kirk Jackson received Service Awards commemorating 25 years of service to the City.
- e. Presentation - City Attorney Ellis Ortego was presented with a plaque to commemorate the years he served the City of La Marque.
- f. Other Recognitions
Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Bell was presented with an Award for being the Longest Service Mayor Pro-Tem in the History of the City of La Marque.

City Manager Jackson recognized Chief Weidman for obtaining additional scholarships to attend the CPM program this session. In addition to the 2 scholarships allotted in the budget, Chief Weidman obtained 2 additional Scholarships through the University of Houston.

City Manager Jackson announced Sloane Witter was a selected leader for next year's Leadership Mainland class as selected by this year's class leadership.

(4) MINUTES

- a. Regular City Council Minutes of November 11, 2019
- b. Workshop City Council Minutes of November 11, 2019
- c. Budget Workshop Minutes of July 22, 23 and 25, 2019

**** Councilman Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes submitted.
Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- (5) CONSENT AGENDA** (All consent agenda items are considered routine by City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember requests an item be removed and considered separately.)

- a. Consider recommendation to approve entering into a Contract with the Galveston County Clerk and Galveston County Election Officer for the General Election to be held on May 2, 2020, and possible Runoff Election on June 13, 2020 - Mayor Hocking/City Clerk R. Eldridge
- b. Consider recommendation to adopt Resolution No. R-2019-0040, appointing an ADA Coordinator, and approving ADA Grievance Procedures in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II - City Clerk R. Eldridge
- c. Consider recommendation to adopt Resolution No. R-2019-0041, expressing intent to reimburse certain expenditures - Finance Director S. Kou
- d. Consider recommendation to terminate the current agreement with U. S. Capital as the City's financial advisor effective January 10, 2020 - Finance Director S. Kou
- e. Consider recommendation to approve an agreement with Stifel as City's financial advisor assisting with debt and other financial advisory services - Finance Director S. Kou
- f. Consider recommendation to approve observed City Holidays for calendar year 2020 - City Manager C. Jackson
- g. Consider recommendation to approve allocations from the Youth Program Fund to various organizations who meet eligibility requirements as recommended by Councilmember Lane, Coordinator for Youth Projects - City Manager C. Jackson
- h. Consider recommendation to approve the annual purchase of surface water from Gulf Coast Water Authority in the amount of \$1,523,799.89 which includes: Bond A \$8,546.00, Bond B \$36,542.00, Bond D \$245,520.00 and Surface Water \$1,233,191.89 - Public Works Director C. Cary
- i. Consider recommendation to ratify City Manager's approval of LNV, Inc. Task Order No. 1 to survey the City of La Marque Cemetery located at 1709 South Oak Street - Public Works Director C. Cary
- j. Consider recommendation to approve LNV, Inc. Task Order No. 2 for engineering services to rehabilitate the headworks and lift station pump improvements at the wastewater treatment plant as part of the Wastewater Treatment Plan expansion project - Public Works Director C. Cary
- k. Consider recommendation to approve LNV, Inc. Task Order No. 3 for the design phase of the 2.25 MGD Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion and existing facility upgrades - Public Works Director C. Cary

** Mayor Hocking removed item G from the Consent Agenda citing the Executive Session.

- ** Councilman Lane made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding requisites for vacant City Attorney position
After a lengthy discussion it was decided that an RFP would be created for an attorney to cover all functions that an attorney would cover for a City, eliminating the need for multiple legal services, with the hope and expectation that a full-time in-house attorney would be found.

- ** Councilman Bell made a motion to put out an RFP for a full time inhouse attorney.
** Councilman Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) - Youth Program Fund
b. Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) - City Manager's Roles and Responsibilities

- ** Council adjourned the special meeting and went into executive session at 7:01 pm.
** Executive session was adjourned and the special meeting was reopened at 7:54 pm.

(8) ACTION TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Youth Program Fund
b. Discussion/possible action regarding City Manager's Roles and Responsibilities

- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve \$11,000 in funds to selected Youth Programs.
** Councilman Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe announced that she was happy to return after missing the previous month and wanted to acknowledge the positive changes in morale and the environment that have come about since the recent change of leadership and to express her gratitude to the new City Manager.
- ** Councilman Michetich thanked the Economic Development Corporation for the work they have done to have the Magical Winter Lights Festival remain in our City. Also, acknowledged that the Magical Winter Lights Festival recently won a national competition and the positive impact it will have on the city.
- ** Councilman Bell pledged to fight for a new Police Department, City Hall, and Municipal Court, and requested that an agenda item be placed on the next meeting to discuss possibly moving forward in rallying support for designing, selecting, and building a new complex for the city citing that in our city's history we have only built one building and we can do better. Councilwoman Mc

Auliffe, Councilman Lane, and Mayor Hocking all showed support for this initiative.

- ** Mayor Hocking announced that Mr. Mac McGaffey and his wife are both home and well after battling sickness. He also expressed gratitude to all employees for the work that they do.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

- ** Councilman Bell made a motion to adjourn.
- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

CITY OF LA MARQUE, TEXAS

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Eldridge, TRMC, City Clerk