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**City of La Marque
Regular Meeting and Public Hearing Minutes
August 25, 2014**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road for purpose of considering the following agenda:

(1) Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

(2) ROLL CALL

Mayor Hocking

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell Absent (Excused)

Councilmember Lane

Councilmember Brown

Councilmember Trube

City Manager Buttler

City Attorney Ortego

City Clerk Eldridge

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking administered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) MINUTES

(a. City Council Regular Minutes of July 31, 2014

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the regular minutes of the City Council meeting held on July 31, 2014. Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

1. Geraldine Sam said that she had concerns with item number 9c on the agenda. She asked if the City is obligated to pay \$52,741.22 back because the City didn't perform the work they said they had.

City Manager Carol Buttler explained that the audit that FEMA has been conducting is coming to a close and that some money will be de-obligated, but that the City will not be writing a check to FEMA. This is due to a project that wasn't completed. They will not be paying the City this portion. The City will not know until the end the amount, but, the City will be receiving money back from FEMA.

(6) PUBLIC HEARING

a. Conduct the second Public Hearing to receive public input regarding the FY 2014-2015 proposed Tax Rate.



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Mayor Hocking closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m.

1. Geraldine Sam asked for an overview of the tax rollback and asked if by having the tax rollback, would affect any other projects or plans that the City is trying to take care of. "Will this allow the City to be a solid City or us to be a City on shaky grounds?" Mayor Hocking explained that the tax rollback will allow the City to be able to do all of the projects that are scheduled, and that it will be good for not only the citizens but also for the businesses within the City.
- b. Conduct Public Hearing to receive public input regarding the proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearings at 6:10 p.m.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the approval of the Highland Bayou Park Walking Trail design donated by Dow Chemical as recommended by the Parks Board.
** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the Highland Bayou Park Walking Trail design donated by Dow Chemical as recommended by the Parks Board.
** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(8) AWARD OF BIDS/CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- a. Discussion/possible action authorizing a one (1) year extension of bid award LM 04-13 and LM 05-13 through September 30, 2015, for EMS supplies and EMS medications to Bound Tree, in the amount of \$10,325.44
** Councilmember Trube made a motion to authorize a one (1) year extension of bid award LM 04-13 and LM 05-13 through September 30, 2015, for EMS supplies and EMS medications to Bound Tree, in the amount of \$10,325.44.
** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of the recommendation of the Parks Board for a three (3) year Agreement between Alexjandro Medellin (Hustler's Baseball League) and the City of La Marque for use of baseball fields at Mahan Park
** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Parks Board for a three (3) year Agreement between Alexjandro Medellin (Hustler's Baseball League) and the City of La Marque for use of baseball fields at Mahan Park
** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding the recommendation of the Parks Board to approve a three (3) year Agreement between Kirk Greene (Tiger Football League) and the City of La Marque for use of the football field at Mahan Park
** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Parks Board to approve a three (3) year Agreement between Kirk Greene (Tiger Football League) and the City of La Marque for use of the football field at Mahan Park
** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion.



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MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 3 AND 0, WITH COUNCILMEMBER LANE ABSTAINING.

Councilmember Lane abstained since he is currently serving as Vice President of the Tiger Football League.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2014-0018** authorizing the transfer of one (1) surplus Wild Land Fire Fighting Skid Pumping Apparatus to the Texas Forest Service for redistribution by the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2014-0018** authorizing the transfer of one (1) surplus Wild Land Fire Fighting Skid Pumping Apparatus to the Texas Forest Service for redistribution by the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Discussion/possible action regarding Appointment to the Animal Services Advisory Committee

** Councilmember Brown made a motion to appoint James Osteen to the Animal Services Advisory Committee.

** Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the de-obligation of FEMA 1791 DR (Hurricane Ike) PW 7586 in the amount of \$52,741.22 – trube lane

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to de-obligate of FEMA 1791 DR (Hurricane Ike) PW 7586 in the amount of \$52,741.22

** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(11) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT (no action needed)

- Development Services
- Judicial
- Police/OEM
- Fire/EMS
- Public Works
- Library

Councilmember Trube referred to page 107 decrease in tree limbs and debris, street sweeping of drainage and ditches asked if there was a plan. Mr. Rumburg addressed the question and said that he is in the process of speaking with the power companies and concentrating on the ditches and other with staff. She also referred to the Check register, referring to the penalties for the payment of late payments. City Manager responded.

(12) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Councilmember Brown thanked all for attending the meeting. Wished everyone a good Labor Day weekend.

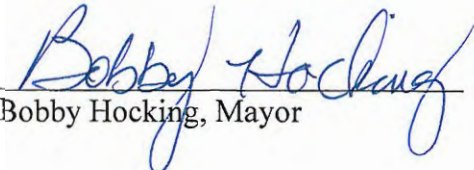
Councilmember Trube also thanked all for attending.

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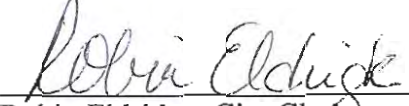
Mayor Hocking thanked Dow Chemical for attending and also for their donations to the City, along with all the attendees of the meeting.

(13) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lane seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.


Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, City Clerk

**CITIZENS REQUEST TO
SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL**

In ordered to be heard, this form must be completed and returned to the City Clerk five (5) minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Date of Meeting:	8-25
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Citizens who wish to address the City Council about items on the agenda which are scheduled for Council action will have **three (3) minutes** to express their positions. Please indicate below the agenda item number on which you wish to comment.

Council Agenda Item Number:	
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Citizens wishing to address Council regarding a topic **not** on the agenda are afforded the same amount of time during "Citizens Request for Hearing" section. Please indicate below the subject matter.

Subject on which person wishes to speak:
Public presence in school zones
7ema

Please step to the podium as soon as you are recognized by the Mayor, stating your name and address before beginning your presentation. If you have written notes you wish to present to the Mayor and Council, please furnish an extra copy for the official files. Citizens who have questions concerning procedure or the registration form may request assistance from the City Clerk. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name:	Geraldine Sam
Address:	2412 Stonewall
Phone Number:	La Marque, Tx 77568

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	
Speaker's Official Capacity:	