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**City of La Marque  
Regular Minutes  
October 13, 2014**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, October 13, 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  
Councilmember Lane  
Councilmember Brown  
Councilmember Trube

City Manager Buttler- Absent  
City Attorney Ortego- Absent  
City Clerk Eldridge

**(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Hocking dispensed the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance

**(4) MINUTES**

- a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2014
- b. City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2014
- c. City Council Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2014
- \*\* Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the Regular Minutes of September 22, 2014; Budget Workshop Minutes of August 6, 2014 and Budget Workshop Minutes of August 7, 2014.
- \*\* Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(5) PRESENTATION** – There was no presentation

**(6) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION**

1. Geraldine Sam, reported she was very concerned, her trash was not picked up, along with all of District A this past Tuesday. It wasn't picked up until Friday. The smell was horrible. She said that the citizens should get a credit for one day, they are paying for this service.

2. Marcie Doolittle thanked the La Marque Fire Department, especially these four mentioned who are also trained as paramedics and to whom she credits for saving her life on September 28th, of this year. They are Kari Welsh, Michael Carlson, Tony Wright, John Brasher and Doctor Michael White.



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## **(7) PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2014-0020** of the City of La Marque, Texas changing the zoning classification from R-1 Single family residential to C-1 General Commercial as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of a tract of land described as lot 1 of the Lilly Thomas Subdivision, a Subdivision in Galveston County, Texas according to the recorded in Volume 238, Page 37, all in the map records in the office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas; amending the zoning map of the City adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 by Ordinance number 953.

Mayor Hocking recessed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing (s) at 6:08 p.m.

1. Geraldine Sam said that there is a business is working out of this location at his time. She has spoken to several persons within the community and shared some of the concerns that they have which included: While trying to travel onto Lake Road off of Thompson Street, there is a traffic hazard, due to the cars parking on sides of the roads near this location. The lighting is bad, and concerned citizens want to make sure that persons are coming into that business for the right reasons, to get their vehicles repaired and for no other reasons.

Mayor Hocking responded that the area is zoned residential at this time, and vehicles can be repaired in garages. As far as the parking along the streets, this can be controlled by contacting the Police Department.

- b. Conduct a Public Hearing to receive public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2014-0021** amending the FY 2013-2014 Budget by increasing (decreasing) certain expenditures and increasing (decreasing) certain revenues to individual budget accounts in certain funds.

1. Geraldine Sam said that this item is very vague, that there is no amount or account numbers listed. She was told that it is included in the background material.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearing (s) and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:19 p.m.

## **(8) OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2014-0020** of the City of La Marque, Texas changing the zoning classification from R-1 Single family residential to C-1 General Commercial as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of a tract of land described as lot 1 of the Lilly Thomas Subdivision, a Subdivision in Galveston County, Texas according to the recorded in Volume 238, Page 37, all in the map records in the office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas; amending the zoning map of the City adopted the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 by Ordinance number 953.

**\*\*** Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2014-0020** of the City of La Marque, Texas changing the zoning classification from R-1 Single family residential to C-1



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

b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2014-0021** amending the FY 2013-2014 Budget by increasing (decreasing) certain expenditures and increasing (decreasing) certain revenues to individual budget accounts in certain funds.

\*\* Councilmember Lane made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2014-0021** amending the FY 2013-2014 Budget by increasing (decreasing) certain expenditures and increasing (decreasing) certain revenues to individual budget accounts in certain funds. **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

\*\* Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **(9) NEW BUSINESS**

a. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing renewal of bid award for Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Repair Services to Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for one (1) year effective October 16, 2014 through October 15, 2015, with one (1) additional year renewal option.

\*\* Councilmember Bell made a motion to authorize the renewal of bid award for Fire Apparatus Maintenance and Repair Services to Siddons-Martin Emergency Group for one (1) year effective October 16, 2014 through October 15, 2015, with one (1) additional year renewal option.

\*\* Councilmember Lane seconded the motion.

Councilmember Trube said that she had a concern since the manager of this company is a former employee and wanted to go on record that she doesn't feel comfortable with this, but that she trusts the Fire Chiefs judgment. She was reassured that although this former employee is the Manager of this local business, he still has guidelines and protocols that are set by the Regional Manager. Fire Chief Grimm added, that this former employee brings with him a unique skill set and knowledge of the vehicles within the fleet.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

b. Discussion/possible action regarding award of the proposed Renewal Plan for Employee Insurance to Humana through Rust-Ewing Insurance to be effective November 1, 2014.

\*\* Councilmember Bell made a motion to award the proposed Renewal Plan for Employee Insurance to Humana through Rust-Ewing Insurance to be effective November 1, 2014.

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

c. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Option 1 for both Dental and Vision Benefits to Principal Financial through Rust-Ewing Insurance to be effective November 1, 2014.

\*\* Councilmember Trube made a motion to use Option 1 for both Dental and Vision



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Principal Financial through Rust-Ewing Insurance to be effective November 1, 2014.

\*\* Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

d. Discussion/possible action providing direction to City Manager to formally bid the fencing project at La Marque Cemetery.

\*\* Councilmember Lane made a motion to direct the City Manager to formally bid the fencing project at La Marque Cemetery.

\*\* Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

e. Discussion/possible action regarding the award of the purchase of portable and mobile radio equipment to Motorola in the amount of \$218,696.60.

\*\* Councilmember Bell made a motion to table this item, due to the fact that the City is in the process of hiring a new Police Chief, and it wouldn't be fair if this individual to not have the opportunity to review the radio information.

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

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

- Development Services
- Police/OEM
- Fire/EMS
- Public Works
- Financials

Councilmember Trube referred to page number 105, relating to the overtime spent in the Police Department. Lieutenant Jackson advised he would look into this and get back with her. On page 106, Disaster Recovery Projects, she is requesting a Workshop with City Council on this subject, because she is getting conflicting figures. She asked why the City went over by \$200,000.00 in the street projects, to which Mr. Rumburg said that this was basically due to the change of price of the concrete.

#### **(12) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councilmember Trube thanked everyone for attending. Reminded all of the upcoming Bayou Fest. Councilmember Brown is looking forward to Bayou Fest.

Councilmember thanked everyone for coming. Wished everyone a great weekend.

Councilmember Bell reiterated Bayou Fest, and hopes he can attend.

Mayor reported that there are 96 cookers at this time for the Bayou Fest. The festivities begin at 8:30 a. m. with a children's fishing tournament. Live entertainment begins at 4:40 p. m. with Pee Wee Bowman, then the Zydeco Dots, followed by Shenandoah and ending up the night with Johnny Lee and the Urban Cowboy Band. Amoco Federal Credit Union is providing one of largest fireworks show at the end of the night. This is at no cost to the tax payers. The majority of the cost of the Festival is from donations and the rest comes out of the Hotel Motel Fund. Then reminded all of Early Voting which begins on October 20 through October 31, 2014, with Election Day being held on November 4, 2014, the ten proposed amendments to the City Charter are at the bottom of the ballot.

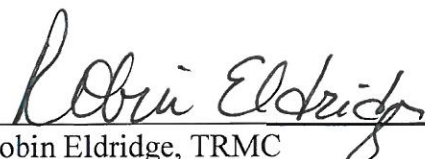


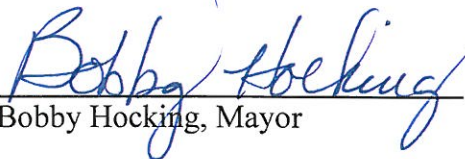
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**(13) EXECUTIVE SESSION- None**

**(14) ADJOURNMENT**

\*\* Councilmember Trube made a motion and was seconded by Councilmember Lane to adjourn the meeting 7:55 p.m.

  
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Robin Eldridge, TRMC  
City Clerk

  
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Bobby Hocking, Mayor

## CITIZENS REQUEST TO

## SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL

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

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| Date of Meeting: | 10/13 |
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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.

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| 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.

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| Subject on which person wishes to speak: |
| trash pick up                            |
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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.

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| Name:         | Geraldine Sam  |
| Address:      | 2412 Stonewall |
| Phone Number: | La Marque, TX  |

### **If speaking on behalf of an organization:**

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| Speaker's Official Capacity: |  |

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| Name:         | Marcie Doolittle |
| Address:      | 1428 Foreman St  |
| Phone Number: | 409-938-7357     |

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