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City of La Marque
Regular Minutes
October 27, 2014

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, October 27, 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
City Attorney Ortego
City Clerk Eldridge

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mayor Hocking dispensed the invocation and Sonny Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) MINUTES
a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2014.
** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the City Council Regular Minutes of October 13, 2014.
** Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) PRESENTATION
a. Recognition of New Employees - Paul Hunter and Tony Wright
Fire Chief Grimm along with Mayor Hocking welcomed the two new employees to the Fire Department.
b. Recognition and Appreciation
Councilmember Trube read the agenda items thanking Mac McGaffey and the Parks Board, the Texas City-La Marque Chamber of Commerce, Amoco Federal Credit Union and all the employees and volunteers of the 2014 Bayou Fest. Mayor Hocking added that there would be certificates of appreciation to each of the sponsors and others that need to be recognized.

(6) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION
a. Robert Michetick 24 North Curlew, in Omega Bay announced his intention to run for Council in District "C" in the next municipal election. Born in Galveston, he works in Houston and plans on living here the rest of his life. Says that he could share wealth of

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experience and knowledge has worked for AT& T for over forty years and hopes to be an asset to the team.

b. Geraldine Sam, 2412 Stonewall condolences to the Mayor on regarding his brothers' serious condition. Announced that it is Red Ribbon Week (Drug Free). She added, that it is time that the City hired local employees, recommended Sergeant Cravens for the Police Chief position. "We should hire someone that is local and that knows the community, versus going outside of La Marque." Reported several overgrown vacant lots and lots with houses along Lake Road, Thompson and Rosalie areas. She asked what steps she could take to get the lots cleaned up and mowed.

Ms. Sam was told that there is process in which to get the properties cleaned up and mowed, and that the areas mentioned will get the needed attention.

c. Mr. Guillory, 2017 Bayou, reported that his street is very dark even with all the porch lights on from himself and his neighbors, and asked about getting a street light. He reiterated what Ms. Sam said about hiring locally, the City should hire a Chief that has been here and that knows La Marque and La Marque knows them.

It was clarified that the City Council does not appoint the Police Chief, and that the City Manager will be making a recommendation to Council, and has heard the citizens comments.

(7) OLD BUSINESS - None

(8) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding canceling the second Regular City Council Meetings of November 24, 2014 and December 22, 2014 due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to cancel the second Regular City Council Meetings of November 24, 2014 and December 22, 2014 due to Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

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

b. Discussion/possible action regarding the levy of PID assessment for Painted Meadows, Section 3, as provided by John F. Howell, Jr.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the levy of PID assessment for Painted Section 3, as provided by John F. Howell, Jr.

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

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

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

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Councilmember Trube referred to page 59, asked for the man hours to be broken down as to how many employee it took to work the hours described. Also, asked that the front of City Hall be swept and the trash emptied on a regular basis. The City Manager stated that this service is included in the current janitorial contract and staff would contact the janitorial company about the oversight.

Councilmember Bell asked who has taken over the previous Development Services Department, in particular the Code Enforcement portion and whether the code enforcement violations were "complaint driven"; to which the City Manager replied that the Public Works Director has been overseeing this department and said that some violations were complaint driven but also proactive efforts such as sweeps throughout neighborhoods including working on Saturday mornings were also being done.

Mayor Hocking complimented Code Enforcement Officer Mr. Singleton and City Marshall Ms. Van Stavern on their jobs enforcing the codes.

(10) EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session

(11) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Trube thanked all for attending and thanked Mr. Grimm for the information he had provided to her and then added for all to enjoy their weekend.

Mayor Hocking reported that a contract had come in earlier in the day that required his and the City Manager's signature, and that under his purview as the signor of grant documents, it would be signed and that the item will come before City Council at the next meeting, for ratifying the expenditures associated with the contract.

Councilmember Brown congratulated Crescent Electric for being named Business of the Month, and Congratulated Mr. Singleton and the finishing of his training at H-GAC, and sent condolences to the Mayor for his bothers condition.

Councilmember Lane thanked all for coming out and reminded all to exercise their right to vote.

Councilmember Bell reported that the street lights were out at Sparks and Cedar and Sparks and Margot; then asked for a status on North Campus Heights repairs.

Mayor Hocking congratulated Crescent Electric, encouraged all to exercise their right to vote, Early Voting ends on the 31st of October and Election Day is November 4, 2014. Expressed condolences on the passing of one of the previous Mayors Bill Charbonneau.
Thanked all for the prayers for his brother Dr. Joe Hocking.

(12) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Councilmember Lane Seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

CITIZENS REQUEST TO

SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL

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Date of Meeting:	10-27-2014

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:	"6" Citizen Participation

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: Support for City business
with intent to pursue District "C" council seat
in next election

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:	Robert A. Michetich
Address:	24 N. Curlew St., La Marque 77568
Phone Number:	713-775-3210

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	
Speaker's Official Capacity:	

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Subject on which person wishes to speak:
Police Chief
lots need to be cut

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Name:	Geraldine Sam
Address:	2412 Stonewall
Phone Number:	409 9356069

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Name:	Mr. Guillory
Address:	2017 Bayou
Phone Number:	

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	
Speaker's Official Capacity:	