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**City of La Marque
Minutes
July 28, 2014**

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, July 28, 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 Brown
Councilmember Trube
Councilmember Lane

City Manager Buttler
City Attorney Ortego
City Clerk Eldridge

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Mayor Hocking dispensed the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance

(4) MINUTES

a. City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014 and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014

**** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes and Regular Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2014. Councilmember Bell seconded the motion.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(5) PRESENTATION

- a. Introduction of new employees – Troy Anders and Richard Hernandez (Police Officers)
Mayor Hocking along with Chief Aragon introduced and welcomed the two new Police Officers, Troy Anders and Richard Hernandez.

(6) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Geraldine Sam said she was appalled at the way that the discussion unfolded between City Council and the BridgeTex Pipeline Company at the last Council meeting.

(7) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Conduct a Public Hearing to hear public input regarding the recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2014-0014** an ordinance of the City of La Marque, Texas changing the zoning classification from R-1 Single family residential to C-1



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General Commercial of a tract or parcel containing 2.612 Acres (113,755 Square Feet) of land situated in the Dougherty Tract, Stephen F. Austin League, Survey No. 4 of Galveston County, Texas, Being all of a tract of land described in deed to Sylvia Nayoda Krchnak recorder under Galveston County Clerk's file number 2013066171; said 2.612 Acre tract of land more particularly described by metes and bounds attached thereto in exhibit "A". All in the map records in the office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas; amending the zoning of the City adopted the 12th day of December 2005, by Ordinance number 953.

Mayor Hocking recessed the Regular Meeting and called the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:08 p.m.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2014-0014** an ordinance of the City of La Marque, Texas changing the zoning classification from R-1 Single family residential to C-1 General Commercial of a tract or parcel containing 2.612 Acres (113,755 Square Feet) of land situated in the Dougherty Tract, Stephen F. Austin League, Survey No. 4 of Galveston County, Texas, Being all of a tract of land described in deed to Sylvia Nayoda Krchnak recorder under Galveston County Clerk's file number 2013066171; said 2.612 Acre tract of land more particularly described by metes and bounds attached thereto in exhibit "A". All in the map records in the office of the county clerk of Galveston County, Texas; amending the zoning of the City adopted the 12TH day of December 2005, by ordinance number 953. **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

**** Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2014-0014.**

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

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding the approval of Resolution No. **R-2014-0015**, a Pipeline Application and authorizing the issuance of a permit for BridgeTex Pipeline Company, LLC for their project through La Marque City limits, specifically as it applies to encroachment at three specified City Right-of-Ways **TABLED FROM COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2014**

Mayor read a letter that had been mailed to the City of La Marque from BridgeTex Pipeline, (hereto attached as Exhibit "A") into the record.

**** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2014-0015.**

**** Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) NEW BUSINESS



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- a. Discussion/possible action to accept the City of La Marque and LM EDC's Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as of Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/2013.

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to accept the City of La Marque and LM EDC's Audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as of Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/2013.

** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion.

Robert Belt, of Belt, Harris, Pachecek, LLLP provided a brief overview of the City of La Marque and the La Marque Economic Development Corporation Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which reflected in comparison to the previous audit, a significant amount of an increase in revenue.

It was the consensus of City Council that a future Workshop be scheduled so that the auditor can provide a more detailed explanation of the overall audit (s) findings and recommendations for a corrective action plan. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- b. Discussion/possible action to accept restructuring in Finance Department which includes Accounting and Utility Billing Divisions to enhance internal controls and proper distribution of job duties and responsibilities to better serve the general public as well as Council and staff management.

Finance Director Suzy Kou provided Council with an overview of the reasons for the need for the restructuring of the Finance Department and Utility Billing Division. Discussion followed, briefly, mainly involving the percentage of the Finance Director's salary being funded through the EDC budget. Typically, the Finance Director is the liaison, as a rule between the City and the Economic Development Corporation.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to accept restructuring in Finance Department which includes Accounting and Utility Billing Divisions to enhance internal controls and proper distribution of job duties and responsibilities to better serve the general public as well as Council and staff management

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

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of Option #1 of the Animal Services Control proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015, as recommended by Mr. James Osteen, the City's representative / liaison with the Galveston County Animal Services Advisory Committee.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Option #1 of the Animal Services Control proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015, as recommended by Mr. James Osteen, the City's representative / liaison with the Galveston County Animal Services Advisory Committee.

** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion.

Councilmember Trube asked for an in-house study be done to have a field personnel and the availability of a vehicle help pick up the animals to help alleviate the costs associated with the County agreement. It was agreed to start a dialogue with some of the surrounding cities to



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possible have another option for animal control. City Council agreed that it would be discussed in the upcoming budget workshops. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding new appointments to the Boards and Commissions.

Due to some confusion with the thirty-day notice resolution, it was agreed to table this item until clarity can be reached.

Councilmember Bell asked if he needed to make an appointment to one of the more critical Commissions, referring to the Planning & Zoning Commission. It was discussed and agreed that the potential appointees to this Commission be given a packet so that they can have the chance to look over the material before the next meeting (August 11, 2014).

** Mayor Hocking made a motion to table this item.

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

- e. Discussion/possible action regarding the appointment of the Mayor Pro-Tem.

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to reappoint Councilmember Bell as Mayor Pro-Tem.

** Mayor Hocking seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(10) CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- a. Discussion/possible action to approve an agreement with Bracewell & Giuliani LLP to act as City's bond counsel assisting with debt issuance and other legal compliance matters

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve an agreement with Bracewell & Giuliani LLP to act as City's bond counsel assisting with debt issuance and other legal compliance matters

** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF 3 TO 1, WITH COUNCILMEMBER TRUBE VOTING IN OPPOSITION.**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding entering into a contract with the Galveston County Clerk and Galveston County Election Officer for the Uniform Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to enter into a contract with the Galveston County Clerk and Galveston County Election Officer for the Uniform Election to be held on November 4, 2014.

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

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

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



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Councilmember Trube referred to page 368 in regards to the notifications that were sent out previously regarding to a tornado warning. Pages 369, overtime hour detailed report; page 407, abandonment signs discrepancy in numbers; Page 421, response times; page 427, some of the numbers on the Utility report; page 444, refuge bills being sent out late.

Councilmember Bell referred to Page 445, \$79.00 for an office to attend an Officer Involved Shooting training class.

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION

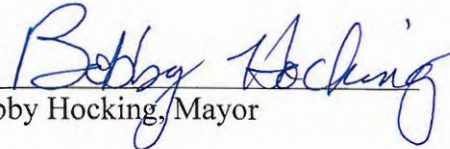
There was no Executive Session

(13) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

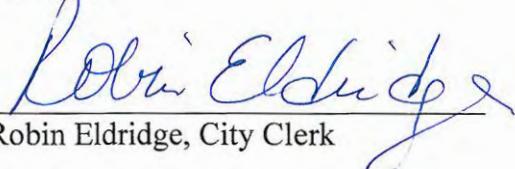
All Councilmembers and Mayor Hocking thanked the citizens for coming to the Council meeting and Mayor Hocking announced that on Tuesday, July 29, at 6:00 p.m. at La Marque High School annual Coach Awards, and also reminded everyone of the Special meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 31, for the presentation of the 2014-2015 Budget.

(14) ADJOURNMENT

****** Councilmember Bell made a motion for adjournment at 7:21 p.m. Councilmember Trube seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**


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:	7.28.2014
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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:	pipeline through City

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:	
Phone Number:	

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	
Speaker's Official Capacity:	