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**City of La Marque
Minutes
February 10, 2014**

Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, February 10, 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 Osteen**

**City Manager Buttler
City Attorney Ortego
City Clerk Eldridge**

(3) Mayor Hocking led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) MINUTES

a. Workshop Meeting held on January 27, 2014

b. Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2014

**** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting and the Regular Meeting minutes held on January 27, 2014.**

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

(5) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

No one spoke

(6) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2014-003**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas repealing Article IV, Purchases, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Marque, Texas, and in its place adopting a new Article IV, Purchases, Section 2-180.

**** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2014-003, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas repealing Article IV, Purchases, of Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Marque, Texas, and in its place adopting a new Article IV, Purchases, Section 2-180.**

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



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b. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2014-004** amending City of La Marque FY Budget 2013-2014 by reducing the General Fund, Fund Balance, account 01-2401-00-00 in the amount of \$42,285.00 and increasing appropriation Fire expenditure accounts 01-1010-06-00 of \$33,124.00, 01-1060-06-00 of \$2,534.00, 01-1065-06-00 of \$3,157.00, 01-1070-06-00 of \$2,400.00, and 01-1075-06-00 of \$1,070.00.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. **O-2014-004** amending City of La Marque FY Budget 2013-2014 by reducing the General Fund, Fund Balance, account 01-2401-00-00 in the amount of \$42,285.00 and increasing appropriation Fire expenditure accounts 01-1010-06-00 of \$33,124.00, 01-1060-06-00 of \$2,534.00, 01-1065-06-00 of \$3,157.00, 01-1070-06-00 of \$2,400.00, and 01-1075-06-00 of \$1,070.00.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion.

Fire Chief Grimm explained that this item was a matter of the results from the inspection of the ISO (Insurance Services Office) that the City of La Marque received recently showing that the City had retrogressed in the rating from a three (3) to a five (5). One of the recommendations that he discussed in the previous workshop was to provide an action plan to ISO in hopes of stalling the publication of the rate. He stated that he sent the request in last week. The action plan was accepted and approved. The second recommendation was to create a position in the Fire Department that would be dedicated to oversee the inspection, investigative plans, examination, fire prevention side and training in the Fire Department. They have agreed not publish the rating in May. The City of La Marque will be given a chance to implement the plan that was sent to them.

Councilmember Bell confirmed that this money was to be used for the proposed Fire Marshall position that was previously discussed in a workshop and then asked how the City was going to fund the position for next year and beyond.

City Manager Carol Buttler said, "In the budget workshops, it will be requested as any other proposed budgeted item. We may have to substitute this position for another or move some money around and we will try not to increase the budget any more than necessary; but, we do need to keep funding this position."

Chief Grimm said that in asking for the budget amendment, he veered on the side of caution, the amount includes training for the entire Fire Department. The salary is fixed a certain rate, including the benefits. Chief Grimm was congratulated by Councilperson Osteen and the Mayor for his all of his hard work in this item.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

(7) CITY MANAGER REPORT

Councilmember Osteen asked that at the top of the agenda, that the Council Districts remain in alphabet (A,B,C,D) as opposed to numbers (1,2,3,4) to keep from confusing the citizens, to which the City Clerk responded that the future agendas will reflect the District in alphabet (A.B.C.D).



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Councilmember Bell- referred to page 34, concerning the Halls Super Highway- it looks that one of the parties have pulled out the of previous agreement for a private easement. City Manager said that she would get with the city staff and find out where the City stands, and will provide a report once she meets with them. There may be another option available.

(8) EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council will adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney – To seek legal advice concerning the termination of Alfred Decker.

Mayor Hocking recessed into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Hocking reconvened the Regular meeting at 6:39 p.m.

There was no action taken from the Executive Session.

(9) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

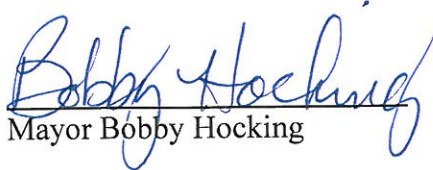
Councilmember Trube wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor thanked Council for their time and said that the City has a great Council and to continue to move forward.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

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


Mayor Bobby Hocking

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk