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**City of La Marque
Minutes
November 11, 2013**

Minutes of the City Council Regular Meeting of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, November 11, 2013 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 (excused absence due to illness)

City Manager Buttler

City Clerk Eldridge

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

(4) MINUTES

a. City Council and Fiscal Affairs Workshop held on October 28, 2013

b. City Council Workshop held on October 28, 2013

c. City Council Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2013

**** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the City Council and Fiscal Affairs Workshop, City Council Workshop and Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held on October 28, 2013.**

**** Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

(5) PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION

a. Mayor Hocking read a plaque showing appreciation to Snider Transmission for their repairing of the City's 1944 Fire Truck.

(6) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

There were none.

(7) PUBLIC HEARING

a. Conduct Public Hearing to receive public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2013-0017**, 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.

Mayor Hocking closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

1) Geraldine Sam asked what the City was repealing in item 8d, that it was confusing.



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City Manager Carol Buttler explained that it was discovered that the City had been operating under a purchasing policy that actually conflicted with a current ordinance and also in conflict with current State laws. It was recommended by the City Attorney to repeal all that was out of date to keep in line with State laws.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearing at 6:07 p.m. and reconvened to the Regular Meeting.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

a. Conduct Public Hearing to receive public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2013-0017**, 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. **This is the second and final reading.**

This item was pulled for a typo.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2013-0015**, amending appendix "A", schedule of fees and charges of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges. **This item was tabled from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting. This is the second and final reading.**

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve Ordinance **O-2013-0015**, amending appendix "A", schedule of fees and charges of the Code of Ordinances, by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges.

** Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Gerald Grimm verified that there was a policy in place that after the insurance company was billed, all unpaid balances after a certain period of time that the balance would be waived. He would like to revisit this policy at a future date.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the award of contract for Emergency Medical Service Billing and Collections to Intermedix Technologies, Inc. dba A.D.P.T. – Fire Chief G. Grimm – **This item failed for lack of motion from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting.**

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to award the contract for Emergency Medical Service Billing and Collections to Intermedix Technologies, Inc. dba A.D.P.T.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution **R-2013-0016**, amending the City of La Marque Purchasing Policy to be in compliance with current laws – Finance Director S. Kou. **This item was pulled from the October 14, 2013 City Council Meeting.**

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2013-0016**, amending the City of La Marque Purchasing Policy to be in compliance with current laws.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2013-0017**, authorizing certain officers of the City to sign and endorse checks and drafts of the City of La Marque bank accounts – Finance Director – S. Kou. **This item was tabled from the October 14, 2013 City Council Meeting.**

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2013-0017**, authorizing certain officers of the City to sign and endorse checks and drafts of the City of La Marque bank accounts.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



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f. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2013-0020**, authorizing an agreement between the City of La Marque and Dow Hydrocarbons and Resources, LLC, for the construction of a twelve (12) inch pipeline route through sections of the City. **This item was pulled from the October 28, 2013 City Council Meeting.**

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2013-0020**, authorizing an agreement between the City of La Marque and Dow Hydrocarbons and Resources, LLC., for the construction of a twelve (12) inch pipeline route through sections of the City.

** Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2013-0022**, of the City of La Marque, Texas voting in the election of members of the Board of Directors of the Galveston Central Appraisal District.

** Mayor Hocking made a motion to award 9 votes to Gary Jones and the remaining 20 votes for David Moss on the ballot of the Board of Directors.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2013-0018**, amending the City of La Marque Fiscal Budget 2013-14 to recognize FEMA grant award for Fire use by increasing Grant Revenue account 01-3824-00-00 by \$21,090.00 and increasing appropriation Fire expenditure account 01-3040-06-00 by \$21,090. 00. **This is the first reading.**

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. **O-2013-0018**, amending the City of La Marque Fiscal Budget 2013-14 to recognize FEMA grant award for Fire use by increasing Grant Revenue account 01-3824-00-00 by \$21, 090.00 and increasing appropriation Fire expenditure account 01-3040-06-00 by \$21,090.00.

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding the appointments of members to the Parks Board Commission.

** Mayor Hocking made a motion to appoint Michael Bock as his appointment as Mayor and the appointment of District D, for Clent Brown to elevate Larry Walker from an alternate to a permanent position.

** Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action regarding setting a date for City Manager Review and Employment Contract.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to set the date of December 9, 2013 for the City Managers' Review and Employment Contract.

** Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

(9) CITY MANAGER REPORT – No Council Action Necessary

The City Manager's report was submitted.

** Councilmember Bell would like to see the amount in the Fire Department overtime lower since the department is now at full staff.

** Councilmember Trube referred to page 267 Halls Superhighway development and to which Public Works Director Mike Morgan explained that an agreement has been reached.

(10) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Councilmember Trube thanked all the Veterans from past to present wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and reminded everyone of the Christmas parade on the 4th of December. The new parade route seems to be more accommodating.

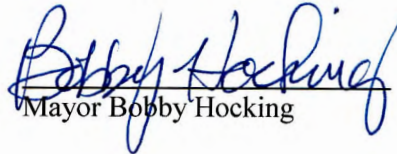
Councilmember Brown reviewed some of items that were donated for the City's 60th Anniversary, and thanked Chico Negual for all his help on the recent pipeline negotiations.

Councilmember Bell wished all the Veterans a Happy Veterans Day. Happy Thanksgiving and solicited prayers for Ms. Brown's wife since she is having a few health issues.

Mayor Hocking reiterated on the Thanksgiving and Veterans wishes and asked for all to remember the elderly during tomorrow's cold snap, wished Councilmember Osteen to get well soon and get well to Maureen Brown and that he appreciated Dow Chemical for all of the work and their support in this area.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

- ** Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 p.m.
- ** Councilmember Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Mayor Bobby Hocking

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk