

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
14 MAY 2012**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Councilmember Brown
Councilmember Trube
Councilmember Osteen
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell
Mayor Hocking

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking led the Invocation and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular City Council Meeting, April 23, 2012

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Osteen seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

(5) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

Comments from the Public (At this time, any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Council (limited to three (3) minutes). In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act the City Council may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours.

Peggy Phillips, 2902 Pine Shadow, addressed city council regarding concerns and comments regarding personal political choices.

(6) PRESENTATION

a. Proclamation – National Police Week/Peace Officers Memorial Day

Mayor Hocking presented this proclamation to Director of Public Safety Aragon.

b. Proclamation – Management Week in America

Mayor Hocking read the proclamation.

c. Proclamation - The War of 1812 Remembrance Day

Mayor Hocking presented the proclamation to Catherine Polk, Mary Glenn and Frances Foreman. Ms. Polk asked that all churches ring the church bells at noon on June 18th.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action on Change Order #4 Long & Son LJA - Project No. E019-090D

Replacement of Magnolia Water Plant for \$98,841.68

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve Change Order #4. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. Councilmember Osteen asked if staff had tested the water for contamination. PW Director Morgan stated that it has been several years since tested. Councilmember Osteen stated that it should be tested before we spend this kind of money. There was discussion regarding the ground, the liner and packing around the area.

Councilmember Osteen asked for the schematic of the project. There were questions on water testing, costs and how long it would take to get results back. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked what if it is repaired and we find out the water is contaminated. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated that we need a better course of action. Councilmember Trube asked if we are aware of any soil samples in the area.

Councilmember Trube withdrew the motion. Councilmember Brown withdrew the second. Councilmember Trube made a motion to table the item. Councilmember seconded the motion. This item is tabled until June 11th meeting.

(8) CITY MANAGER REPORT – No Council Action Necessary

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated he had noticed the name change from Inspections to Development Services. City Manager Buttler stated that Development Services is more indicative of all the services provided by this particular department.

Councilmember Trube asked if the fire department is current with fire hydrant testing.

Councilmember Osteen questioned the report regarding the errors in the judicial department. City Manager Buttler stated that the bottom line was not affected and staff had taken steps in ensuring that the software upgrades are made on a regular basis.

(9) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Requests by Mayor and Council Members for items to be placed on future City Council agendas and announcements on city events/community interests

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell congratulated Mayor Hocking and Councilmember Trube on their re-election. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell also congratulated Ms. Sam on campaign and all the citizens for getting involved in the political process by voting. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell continued by stating that he has also been the target of attacks and extended his sympathies to Ms. Phillips for having to contend with it. We hope that we can all move forward and work together for a better La Marque. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked City Manager Buttler to ask Galveston County for a report on the recent election issues.

Councilmember Osteen also congratulated Mayor Hocking, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell and Councilmember Trube for their re-election. The City Council is making progress, but we still have a lot of obstacles to overcome. We have a good city manager to help us. Ms. Phillips has turned in her resignation from all city committees.

Councilmember Trube congratulated Mayor Hocking and Mayor Pro-Tem Bell and look forwards to being able to continue the work we started. Councilmember Trube concurred with Mayor Pro-Tem Bell regarding an assessment of the election issues. Councilmember Trube asked if there is a Special Meeting for the canvassing scheduled for May 21st and requested an agenda item to discuss designating a date and time for a City Council retreat. Councilmember Trube continued by stating that she was here all day Saturday, met a lot of citizens and has a lot of feedback that she will share with the City Manager

Councilmember Brown – congratulated everyone on being re-elected. Councilmember thanked everyone and is looking forward to making La Marque shine.

Mayor Hocking congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Bell and Councilmember Trube. Thank you to all the citizens that voted. Mayor Hocking also stated that he respects Ms. Phillips and thanked her for her time and service to the citizens of La Marque. Mayor Hocking reminded everyone of the town hall meeting being held this evening on Hurricane Preparedness immediately following the meeting.

(10) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Osteen seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

Zina Tedford, Interim City Clerk