

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation – Rev. Sharon Monroe Sabom, La Marque First United Methodist Church
Rev. Sharon Monroe Sabom, La Marque First United Methodist Church led the Invocation and Mayor Hocking followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public Hearing/Regular Meeting- February 13, 2012

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as written.

(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.

Alex Pratt, 2616 Lake Park Drive, thanked City Council for addressing much needed street repairs on his street.

(6) PRESENTATION

Introduction of new city employees
Mayor and City Council welcomed the new Fire Chief Todd Weidman.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action of appointments to Boards & Commissions

1. Board of Adjustments

This item has been deferred until the next City Council meeting.

2. Library Board

Councilmember Osteen– District B – Shannon Hart, 2321 Clark Drive

3. Planning and Zoning

Councilmember Brown– District D – Charles M. Castelline, 1316 Lamar Drive

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the appointments to Boards & Commissions. Councilmember Trube seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action of Ordinance No. **O-2012-1058**, an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas, amending Chapter 14, Buildings and Regulations, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Marque, Texas, by repealing Sec. 14-60, Electrical Board Generally, of Article III, Electrical; Repealing Sec. 14-61, Appeal from Action of Electrical Board, of Article III, Electrical; and Repealing Sec. 14-88, Plumbing Board, of Article V, Plumbing. This is the first reading.

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to table this item for corrections to the proposed Ordinance. Councilmember Trube seconded. The item was tabled.

b. Discussion/possible action on Resolution **R-2012-1176** amending Resolution R-2011-1172 to change times of Early Voting in the Special Election on Amendments to the City Charter of the City of La Marque Special Election

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell voiced concerns of how the City of La Marque has to alter their plans according to the County officials in the election process. In the future, he would like more dialogue and conduct a meeting on future elections. Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve Resolution R-2012-1176. Councilmember Osteen seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action on park usage guidelines as presented by Parks Board
Louis McGaffey, Parks Board Chairperson gave explanation of concerns of electrical usage at Mahan Park and other parks in the City.
Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve park usage guidelines as presented by Parks Board. Councilmember Osteen seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Parks Board Chairman McGaffey presented the proposed guidelines and asked to modify the guidelines with two additional changes: change word from Lessee to Licensee and under Section 5, need to add wording for use of the park - Park hours are dawn to dusk.

Mayor asked for the motion and seconded to be withdrawn and start a new motion to approve additional changes.

Councilmember Trube withdrew her motion. Councilmember Osteen withdrew his second to the motion.

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve park usage guidelines with two additional changes by Parks Board. Councilmember Osteen seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action of Resolution No. **R-2012-1177** by the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas approving the submission of the grant application for a Special Response Team to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division in the amount of \$16,195

Mayor Hocking stated the City Manager asked for this item to be removed for consideration.

(9) CITY MANAGER REPORT – No Council Action Necessary

There was discussion regarding the City Manager's Report.

Councilmember Osteen referred to page 74 – Building Inspections – there is a calculation error – correction should reflect –Total Building Inspections 587.

Page 110-111- Fire Marshal- should reflect the month of January 2012, not November 2011.

Page 115, Water and Sewer Maintenance- correction number of work orders versus linear feet.

Page 118-119, Road and Maintenance- report reflects no activity.

Page 128-129-Finance – Councilmember Osteen questioned the discrepancy between Galveston County Tax Office and the City of La Marque property tax numbers.

Councilmember Osteen also stated that on Page 133-135 –Finance -should reflect the current and last month.

(10) 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

Councilmember Brown- welcomed Chief Weidman.

Councilmember Trube- also welcomed Chief Weidman and also stated it was a pleasure working with fellow Mayor and Councilmembers.

Councilmember Osteen – echoed the welcome to Chief Weidman and stated that City Manager Buttler is going a great job. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell- welcomed the new Chief and thanked Kyle Hunter for guiding Council on the I-pads training. He recognized Herbert Franklin, Parks Board member, for volunteering his time through the years and giving him good advice.

Mayor Hocking – echoed the welcome to Chief Weidman and reminded everyone of the election on May 12. He expressed that it was great to see the attendance at this meeting.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

Connie Trube made a motion to adjourn. James Osteen seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

Patty Rees, Recording Secretary
Zina Tedford, Interim City Clerk