

**MINUTES
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 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 Pro-Tem Bell led the Invocation and Mayor Hocking followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(4) MINUTES

- a. Regular City Council Meeting, May 14, 2012
- b. Special Meeting, May 15, 2012
- c. Special City Council Meeting, May 21, 2012

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, May 14, 2012, the Special Meeting, May 15, 2012 and the Special City Council Meeting, May 21, 2012. Councilmember Osteen 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.

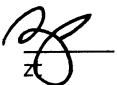
Steven Mikulencak, Texas A & M Program Coordinator, informed City Council that he is an employee of A&M University and working with TECQ to assist communities in developing a water quality plan for Highland Bayou and its tributaries. The water quality plan is voluntary program administered by the State of Texas to help communities clean up water ways. For over a decade, water quality tests have shown that bacteria and nutrient levels in Highland Bayou have exceeded state standards. Pollutants from storm water are the major cause. This is water flowing from roads, lawns, fields, as well wastewater from treatment plan and septic systems. Impacts could result in algae blooms, fish kills, odors and public health concerns. Process is guided by Local Solutions to Local Issues. TECQ could mandate, but recognize that plans are more effective through local voluntary participation. We are working with Texas City, Bayou Vista, Hitchcock, Santa Fe, Dickinson, League City, and Galveston County.

(6) PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation - City of La Marque 2012 Election Judges

Mayor Hocking presented plaques of appreciation to Charlotte Westerlage, Presiding Judge, Martha Woolridge, Alternate Judge, and Election Clerks Catherine Polk, Felicitas Jaramillo, Dorothy Jeffcoat and Marilyn Richardson.

- b. Presentation – Fifty Club Officer of the Year


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Mayor Hocking and Chief Aragon presented ID Officer Auzston, Fifty Club Officer of the Year with a certificate of appreciation.

c. Presentation - Telecommunicators of the Year -Galveston County Emergency Communication District
Mayor Hocking and Chief Aragon presented Tina Crawford and Teresa Scott with certificates of appreciation for receiving Telecommunicators of the Year-Galveston County Emergency Communication District.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action -Change Order #4 Long & Son LJA - Project No. E019-090D
Replacement of Magnolia Water Plant for \$98,841.68
Mayor Hocking made a motion to table this item until the Regular Meeting scheduled for June 25th.
Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action on the City of La Marque Emergency Management Plan
Jennifer Pierce, Office of Emergency Management presented this item.
The document submitted for approval is the base of the City's complete Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The City has been following Galveston County's Emergency Management Plan.

While this practice has been acceptable in the past, each City within the County is now required to adopt a plan specific to their City to be compliant with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and for federal grant opportunities.

Once approved, all departments and City Council will receive a copy of the approved plan with all supporting documents (employee list, resource list, phone numbers, any other information likely to change often, etc.) that will be updated as needed.

The base plan will not be amended at any time without City Council's approval.
Councilmember Osteen asked if this plan is in conflict with the county. OEM Pierce responded that the county/state can supersede but it would depend on the situation. The current county-wide evacuation plan is in place, the proposed plan is a more direct plan for the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked if Council is adopting the plan tonight. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell continued by stating that an agenda item this detailed and important to the City, should have had a workshop. If it is the consensus of the Council to move forward, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated that he would approve. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell suggested that in the future, that Council have workshops on any items that are detail specific.

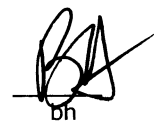
Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the City of La Marque Emergency Management Plan. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion.

Councilmember Trube stated that it is the middle of June and would not like to prolong this item too long.

Councilmember Osteen asked if anyone had seen the County plan.

Councilmember Trube withdrew the motion to approve the City of La Marque Emergency Management Plan.
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell withdrew his second to the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to table this item.
Councilmember Osteen seconded the motion. The item was tabled.


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b. Discussion/possible action on proposed amendments to the Animal Services Interlocal Agreement with Galveston County

Councilmember Osteen is on the Animal Services Board and stated that the Board met several times to discuss the agreement. Councilmember Osteen continued by stating that there are 10 entities involved and based on discussions, the Board made a few changes to current agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to approve proposed amendments to the Animal Services Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell had a question on page 38 of the proposed amendments regarding the formula calculating the city's portion. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked if the Board had taken into consideration the rural areas and call volume as it relates to population. Councilmember Osteen stated that the Board had taken these concerns into consideration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated that staff's recommendation is unknown until the County budget is prepared.

City Manager Buttler indicated that the agreement has an effective date of October 1st. The proposed amendments allow Council to review and make recommendations which are due at the end of the week. The final agreement should be ready by the end of July.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked about the number of units operating on a daily basis. Councilmember Osteen stated that there are 2 daily and weekends are call-out.

Councilmember Osteen also stated that there are a lot of concerns regarding weekends; the budget does not have any extra money to cover expenses. Councilmember Osteen stated that Animal Services will come out for an emergency.

Councilmember Trube stated that Animal Services built a new facility and did not budget any new employees. Councilmember Trube asked how the city knows that Animal Services is responding to calls within La Marque. City Council has not been provided any reports on how many calls are reported and what action, if any, was taken.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell responded by commenting that these concerns could be solved by:

1. Requesting a quarterly report for Council
2. Address nights/weekends

We should be able to call Animal Services for emergencies and there will be a response.

Councilmember Osteen informed Council that he has seen the report and there are a substantial number of calls within the city. Councilmember Osteen also informed Council that Animal Services is geared toward domestic animals.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. Discussion/possible action of Ordinance No. O-2012-1060- An Ordinance of the City of La Marque, Texas, amending Chapter 2, Administration, City Departments, of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by repealing Ordinance No. 1032, which added a new section 2-39A to create the Office of Public Safety Director. This is the first reading.

Councilmember Trube made the motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2012-1060 for the first reading. Councilmember Osteen seconded the motion. Mayor Hocking stated that Councilmember Trube had requested this item to be placed on the agenda and asked Councilmember Trube to elaborate on the request. Councilmember Trube stated that the reason that the ordinance creating the Office of Public Safety Director no longer exists. The City recently hired a new fire chief and he is doing a great job. Discussion followed and the


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Fire Chief answered several questions regarding his position and probationary period. Mayor Pro-Tem amended the motion to approve Ordinance No. O-2012-1060 with an effective date of September 1, 2012. Mayor Hocking seconded the amended motion. The amended motion passed unanimously. Mayor Hocking called on the vote on Ordinance No. O-2012-1060 as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion/possible action on an order declaring the charter amendments adopted as approved by voters May 12, 2012

Councilmember Trube made a motion on an order declaring the charter amendments adopted as approved by voters May 12, 2012. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Discussion/possible action of appointment(s) to Negotiating Committee for Police Collective Bargaining Negotiations

Mayor Hocking nominated Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to the Negotiating Committee for Police Collective Bargaining. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

(9) CITY MANAGER REPORT – No Council Action Necessary

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked Building Official Tims about the charts on page 79. Building Official Tims stated that the numbers for each district on the top of the chart were correct; there was an error within the chart itself.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked Chief Aragon about the chain of review process in regards to an officer involved incident. Chief Aragon informed Council that the incident is under investigation and appropriate action will be taken.

(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 Trube – appreciates everyone being at the meeting

Councilmember Brown – congratulated the police department on the successful police raid and fire department on doing a great job. City Council is moving forward and looking forward to being part of this group.

Councilmember Osteen – asked City Manager Buttler about the red light at Cedar/Lake. City Manager Buttler stated that this is a contractor issue and will keep Council abreast of the situation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell-extended special congratulations to Aunt Vera Bell Gary. A dedication ceremony of the Bell Museum was held Friday. The house was restored to its original design.

Mayor Hocking – also extended his congratulations on the recent dedication ceremony. Mayor Doyle and the community did a great job in the restoration. Mayor Hocking also stated that thanked City Council for their dedication to moving the city forward.

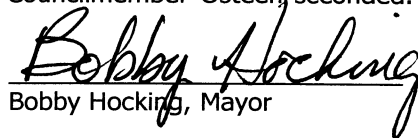
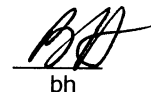
(11) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Osteen, seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Zina Tedford, Interim City Clerk

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Bobby Hocking, Mayor
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