

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 21, 2012

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell led the Invocation and Mayor Hocking followed with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

4. New Business

- a. Discussion/possible action of Resolution No. R-2012-1180 canvassing the returns the results of the May 12, 2012 General Election for Mayor, Councilmember District A, Councilmember District C and the results of the May 12, 2012 Special Election on amendments to the City Charter of the City of La Marque, Texas

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2012-1180.
Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. Administration of Oath to Elected Officials

Honorable Judge Baker asked Bobby Hocking, Keith Bell and Connie Trube to step forward. Judge Baker administered the Oath to the newly elected officials.

- c. Discussion/possible action – appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem

At this time, Mayor Hocking stated that with the approval of fellow councilmembers and complete confidence and great expectancy, he would like to nominate Keith Bell as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion.

Mayor Hocking said it could be brought up at the Council's Retreat.

AYES: 3 ; NAYES: 1 (Councilmember Trube) ; NO VOTE: 1 (Councilmember Osteen)

Councilmember Osteen stated that while we are on the subject, Councilmember Trube had asked him to support her for the Mayor Pro-Tem position. Councilmember Osteen said even though Mayor Pro-Tem Bell has done an excellent job, this position should be passed around to other councilmembers. This is no disrespect to Keith Bell, he is a great representative. Some cities appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem every six months so the rest of the Council can share this position and we may want to look at this in the future. Councilmember Trube has been on the City Council for a long time and I am sure she would like to serve in that capacity.

- d. Discussion/possible action of the City of La Marque entering into an Interlocal Tax Collection Agreement with Galveston County Tax Assessor and Collector for collection of all taxes on real and personal property located within the Taxing Unit's jurisdictional boundaries

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to enter into an Interlocal Tax Collection Agreement with Galveston County Tax Assessor and Collector for collection of all taxes on real and personal property located within the Taxing Unit's jurisdictional boundaries
Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- e. Discussion/possible action designating a date and time for City Council Goal Setting Retreat

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to hold a City Council Retreat on Thursday, May 31, 2012, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. The motion carried.

City Manager Carol Buttler gave an outline of the agenda for the Council Retreat. The retreat is an opportunity for City Council to brainstorm, look at the city's vision and by consensus provide staff with guidance.

No action will be taken at this Retreat. This meeting will be posted with a map of the retreat location.

Mayor Hocking asked that the item of Mayor Pro-Tem be placed on the retreat agenda.

Mayor Hocking, Councilmember Brown, Trube, and Mayor Pro-Tem Bell expressed gratitude for the confidence that the citizens have placed in them, want to move forward in a positive manner and provide the city with stability and consistency.

5. Adjournment

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Zina Tedford, Interim City Clerk
Patty Rees, Recording Secretary

Bobby Hocking, Mayor