

LA MARQUE CITY COUNCIL
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 1109-B BAYOU ROAD
 LA MARQUE, TEXAS 77568
REGULAR MEETING
April 25, 2011
6:00 P.M.

The La Marque City Council met in a duly-called and announced Regular Meeting on April 25, 2011. Mayor Sam called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Pastor Bobby Hocking. The Mayor asked all of the youth to come to the front to help lead the pledge to the U.S. Flag and Texas Flag.

047-2011 ROLL CALL –

Present: Mayor Geraldine Sam, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Bell, Councilmember Connie Trube, City Attorney Ellis Ortego, City Manager Eric Gage and City Clerk Carolyn E. Anderson

Department Directors: Police-Chief Randall Aragon, Finance-Karen Cooper, Fire Chief-Larry Damrell, Public Works-Mike Morgan, Library-Cynthia Hart

048-2011 PRESENTATION –

Proclamation – Motorcycle Awareness Month – Suzanne Thompson and the Bay Area V-Twins Motorcycle Riders Club of Galveston County were presented with a proclamation by Mayor Geraldine Sam proclaiming the month of May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in La Marque, Texas.

Essay and Poster Winners – Clean City Commission representatives.

Mayor Sam recognized Assistant Superintendent of the La Marque Independent School District, Dr. Hudson for being in attendance to help recognize the winners of the poster and essay contest. Mike Duhon, Dorothy Jeffcoat, Catherine Polk and Dolores Johnston were present to award the Essay and Poster Contest Winners for the elementary and middle schools.

049-2011 APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

Emergency Meeting of April 8, 2011

Council Member Trube made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Regular Meeting of April 11, 2011

Council Member Trube made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

050-2011 REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER –

Council Member Trube made a motion to approve the City Manager's report. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion. Council Member Trube asked for clarification of the check written to the Attorney General in the amount of \$4,038. Ms. Cooper stated that the amounts were for payroll deductions such as child support. Mayor Sam asked for clarification of the payment to Betty Lynn of Lynn, Pham & Ross. Mr. Gage explained that these payments are for legal matters with the Fire and Police Departments concerning contract items. Mayor Sam asked about the STW which is the finance software. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell directed a question to Mr. Gage about the deployment of the fire officers concerning the wildfires in Texas. He commended them. He asked about the reimbursement for these expenses. Mr. Gage stated that the reimbursement will come back through FEMA, but that the City is paying the expenditures up-front upon their deployment. Mayor Sam questioned the crime statistics concerning burglary and theft showing an increase. There being no further discussion, the motion to approve the City Manager's report passed unanimously.

051-2011 NEW BUSINESS -**Consider, Discuss and Approve Amended Notice and Order of Election**

Council Member Trube made a motion to accept the Amended Notice and Order of Election. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked Mr. Ortego for a clarification the wording regarding the expired terms. The terminology as stated in the notice was verified by Mr. Ortego. The Mayor stated that she is not for any voting outside the City of La Marque. There being no further discussion, the Amended Notice was approved two to one, with the Mayor voting against the Order.

Consider, Discuss and Approve Financial Quarterly Investment Report Ending March 31, 2011

Council Member Trube made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bell, to approve the Financial Quarterly Investment Report. The motion passed unanimously.

052-2011 CITIZEN'S REQUEST FOR HEARING –

Comments from the Public: (At this time, any person with city related business who has signed up may speak to Council. 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.)

None.

053-2011 ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL –

Council Member Trube thanked everyone for coming and having a full house in the Council Chambers. She commended the Fire Fighters for helping with the fires. Council Member Trube expressed her pride in the talent of the children exhibiting their essays and posters. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell congratulated all of the winners in the poster and essay contest and all those who participated. He urged that the talents of the youth be exhibited wherever possible. He thanked the Fire Fighters for their sacrifice. He officially thanked and welcomed Ms. Hart and Chief Damrell to the City. Mayor Sam also thanked the Fire Fighters for their willingness and efforts. The Mayor asked Mr. Gage to look in to the water shortage. Mr. Gage shared that the City is okay. Another line is being used on the north side. The south line has been shut off, to be opened back up when the problem is rectified. There is no need for rationing at this point. As far as a burn ban, Mr. Gage stated that the Galveston County Emergency Center is in charge of issuing the burn ban. The Mayor also thanked all of the children for participating in the essay and poster contest. She thanked Dr. Hudson for her presence at the meeting. She congratulated Ms. Hart and Chief Damrell and invited everyone to the reception following.

054-2011 ADJOURNMENT –

Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Geraldine Sam, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn E. Anderson, City Clerk