

LA MARQUE CITY COUNCIL
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 1109-B BAYOU ROAD
 LA MARQUE, TEXAS 77568
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
Corrected Minutes
AUGUST 22, 2011
6:00 P.M.

The La Marque City Council met in a duly-called and announced Regular Meeting on August 22, 2011. Mayor Bobby Hocking called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The invocation was given by Keith Bell. Mayor Hocking led the pledge to the U.S. Flag.

118-2011 ROLL CALL –

Present: Mayor Bobby Hocking, Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Bell, Councilmember Connie Trube, Councilmember James Osteen, Councilmember Clent Brown City Attorney Ellis Ortego, City Manager Eric Gage, Interim City Clerk Martha A. Gillett

Department Directors: Public Works-Mike Morgan, Fire Marshal-Jennifer Pierce, IT-Kyle Hunter, Inspections-Ana Tims, Finance Director Karen Cooper, Fire Chief Larry Damrell and Police Chief-Randall Aragon

119-2011 APPROVAL OF MINUTES -
Regular Meeting of August 8, 2011

Council Member Trube made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 8, 2011.

Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Workshop Meeting of August 9, 2011

Council Member Trube made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of August 9, 2011. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Workshop Meeting of August 10, 2011

Council Member Trube made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of August 10, 2011. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

120-2011 CITIZENS' REQUEST FOR HEARING –

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.)

Citizens' Request for Hearing:

Jake Feigle – 2712 Houston Dr., La Marque, Texas – Mr. Feigle informed Council he was originally going to resign from the Charter Review Committee but has changed his mind. He felt they may have been some Charter violations in the past. He has received encouraging phone calls and at this time will not be resigning from the Committee.

Cleveland Lane - #10 Clover Bend, La Marque, Texas – Mr. Lane addressed Council regarding property located on Pirtle Street with regards to recent violations he received. He requested City Council provide him with additional time to do repairs to his home and not to have to board up the home. He did not feel the home would be marketable if the windows were boarded up.

Katherine Lina – 2012 Howell, La Marque, Texas – Ms. Lane informed Council of concerns in her neighborhood. She would like to see the area cleaned up. Ms. Lina also noted she had not received returned phone calls back from staff.

Louis Mc Gaffey – 2314 Downey Dr., La Marque, Texas – Mr. Mc Gaffey thanked the City for all they are doing for La Marque. He noted concerns with some with continued negativity and wants to see everyone work together for the benefit of the City.

121-2011 REPORT FROM CITY MANAGER –

Mayor Pro Tem Bell made a motion to approve the City Manager's report. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. City Manager Eric Gage addressed Council's questions. The motion to approve the City Manager's report passed unanimously.

It was noted a policy is needed for volunteer supervision of community service workers. This policy will need to be brought back to City Council.

122-2011 FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES -

Ordinance Number 1053 – An Ordinance of the City of La Marque, Texas, changing the Zoning Classification of, a tract of land described as lot three (3) in division "Q" of the Cook and Stewart subdivision of part of the John D. Moore league in Galveston County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Cook and Stewart subdivision of record in volume 81 page 526, in the office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas from Public to General Commercial; Amending the Zoning Map of the City adopted on the 12th Day of December 2005 by Ordinance 952.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to approve the ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Osteen.

Questions were raised regarding the volume number not matching on the agenda and ordinance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell and Council Member Osteen withdrew the motion.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to table the item until a future meeting. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

123-2011 SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES -

Ordinance 1052 – An Ordinance of the City of La Marque, Texas, Providing for the Vacating Abandonment and Closing of a Part of the 20 Foot Waterway Located within the City of La Marque, Texas.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to table the item until a future meeting. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

124-2011 OLD BUSINESS –

Consider, Discuss and Approve the final payment and release of retainage in the amount of \$190,131.17 to Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd. to close out LJA Project E019-085D-4 Cedar Drive Improvements IH-45 to SH3. This final payment will close out the project at a total cost of \$3,493,488.49.

Council Member Osteen made a motion to approve the final payment and release of retainage in the amount of \$190,131.17 to Angel Brothers Enterprises, Ltd. to close out LJA Project E019-085D-4 Cedar Drive Improvements IH-45 to SH3. This final payment will close out the project at a total cost of \$3,493,488.49.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

125-2011 NEW BUSINESS -

Consider, Discuss and Approve Resolution Number 1165 of the Holmes Plan to Retain Existing Galveston County Precinct Boundaries for Justices of the Peace and Constables and to Create County Commissioner Precinct Boundaries that are Fair to All Galveston County Citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell made a motion to Approve Resolution Number 1165 of the Holmes Plan to Retain Existing Galveston County Precinct Boundaries for Justices of the Peace and Constables and to Create County Commissioner Precinct Boundaries that are Fair to All Galveston County Citizens. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Consider, Discuss and Approve Date and Time for Public Hearing on the Proposed

Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Approve Date and Time for Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011.

Mayor Hocking made a motion to table this item approve Date and Time for Public Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2010-2011. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Consider, Discuss and Approve the Appointment to Building and Standard Commission.

Mayor Bobby Hocking made a motion to approve the Appointment of Billy Jefferson to Building and Standard Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Bell seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Consider, Discuss and Approve the Galveston County Cooperative Evacuation Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell made a motion to approve the Galveston County Cooperative Evacuation Plan. Council Member Trube seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Consider, Discuss and Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the Santa Fe School District, Galveston County and Multiple Municipalities for use of Property.

Council Member Osteen made a motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between the Santa Fe School District, Galveston County and Multiple Municipalities for use of Property. Mayor Pro Tem Bell seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

126-2011 ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL –

Mayor Bobby Hocking, Mayor Pro Tem Bell, Council Member Osteen, Council Member Trube and Council Member Brown brought items to the table.

127-2011 ADJOURNMENT –

Council Member Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:

Interim City Clerk Martha A. Gillett