

**MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING/ REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2011**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

(2) ROLL CALL

All members of City Council were present.

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

(4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Workshop Meeting –October 24, 2011
- b. Public Hearing/ Regular Meeting-October 24, 2011

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilmember Trube made a correction to the Workshop Meeting, October 24, 2011. The minutes should read:

"Councilmember Trube moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m."

Councilmember Osteen amended his motion to approve the minutes and the correction to the Workshop Meeting minutes of October 24, 2011. Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

(5) CITY MANAGER REPORT –No Council Action Necessary

(6) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Purpose of considering councilmember district populations and boundaries based upon 2010 census and the consideration of proposed plans for revised council member district boundaries

Geraldine Sam asked Council if the districts were drawn based on voting strength or population. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell responded that the boundaries were drawn based on overall population. Ms. Sam's asked if minority district met the percentage requirements of the Department of Justice. She was informed that the percentage rate did meet the requirement.

The public hearing closed at 6:11 p.m.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action of Ordinance **No.1056** proposed plans for revised councilmember boundaries. This is the second reading.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1056 proposed plans for revised councilmember boundaries. This is the second reading. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(8) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action of Resolution **R-2011-1170** of the City of La Marque, Texas voting in the election of members of the Board of Directors of the Galveston Central Appraisal District

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve Resolution **R-2011-1170** casting the City of La Marque's total number of votes (31) on candidate David Moss. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action of awarding the contract for EMS medications for La Marque Fire Department-LM 02-11 to Bound Tree Medical

Councilmember Trube made a motion to award the contract for EMS medications for La Marque Fire Department -LM 02-11 to Bound Tree Medical. Councilmember Osteen seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion/possible action of awarding the contract for EMS supplies for La Marque Fire Department-LM 03-11 to Bound Tree Medical

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve awarding the contract for EMS supplies for La Marque Fire Department-LM 03-11 to Bound Tree Medical. Councilmember Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Discussion/possible action on the resignation/appointments of Building and Standards Commissioners

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to appoint Paul Ray Heinrich to the Building & Standards Commission. Councilmember Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- e. Discussion/possible action of awarding the bank depository for the City of La Marque, Texas

Councilmember Osteen had several questions regarding the two proposals submitted to the City. After discussion, Councilmember Osteen made a motion to table this item and asked for a workshop. Mayor Hocking instructed the City Manager and Finance Director to research the proposals and be able to provide recommendation at the next meeting. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- f. Discussion/possible action on Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2011

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report ending September 30, 2011. Councilmember Osteen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- g. Discussion/possible action of approving the Rules and Regulations for La Marque Cemetery

David Pennington, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, presented Council the Rules and Regular for La Marque Cemetery as required by city ordinance.

Councilmember Osteen made a motion to approve the Rules and Regulations for La Marque Cemetery. Councilmember Trube seconded. The motion passed.

- h. Discussion/possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 (2010-2011 Street Improvement Project 1- West La Marque) – LJA Project E019-0910 not to exceed \$133,000.00

Councilmember Osteen made a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 (2010-2011 Street Improvement Project 1- West La Marque) – LJA Project E019-0910 not to exceed \$133,000.00. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated for the record that this project is for Newman Road. The motion passed unanimously.

- i. Discussion/possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 (2010 -2011 Street Improvement Project 2-Central La Marque) – LJA Project E019-0920 not to exceed \$65,615.00

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 (2010 -2011 Street Improvement Project 2-Central La Marque) – LJA Project E019-0920 not to exceed \$65,615.00 for Lake Park Drive. Councilmember Trube seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- j. Discussion/possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 (2010 -2011 Street Improvement Project 3-East La Marque) – LJA Project E019-0930 not to exceed \$37,334.87

Councilmember Brown made a motion authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order 1 (2010 -2011 Street Improvement Project 3-East La Marque) – LJA Project E019-0930 not to exceed \$37,334.87. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded the motion and stated for the record that this project is for Studio Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

(9) CITIZEN’S PARTICIPATION

Citizen’s participation is for the City Council to receive information on issues that may be of concern to the public. Citizen’s participation is limited to three (3) minutes. A purpose of the Open Meetings Act is to insure that the public is always given notice of the items that will be discussed by the City Council. Should a member of the public bring an item to Council for which the subject was not posted on the agenda for the meeting, the Council may receive the information, but cannot act upon it at the meeting. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours.

David Pennington, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee, invited City Council and the community to the “Wreaths Across America” ceremony being held December 10th at 11:00 a.m.

(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-thankful that Studio Drive is going to be repaired.

Councilmember Trube - thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Councilmember Trube stated that if anyone sees anything suspicious, to please report. Councilmember Trube mentioned that she had seen a fire truck at the outlet mall taking water out of the hydrant. Chief informed Council that the truck had been repaired and the individuals had requested permission from the Fire Chief for a test.

Councilmember Osteen – requested that the resignations/appointments of the Building & Standards Commission member be placed on next agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell – stated there were discrepancies on the list of city commissions concerning appointments and districts provided to Council. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked that this list be reviewed and corrected. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell thanked Mr. Pennington for their commitment to the city and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Hocking – stated that he is thankful to be a citizen of La Marque and for a City Council that works together. Mayor Hocking reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade will be held November 30th at 6 p.m. Mayor Hocking concluded by reading an email that he had just received –The City of La Marque has awarded the GOLD Leadership Circle Award by the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts for the second year in a row. CONGRATULATIONS!! Thank you Ms. Cooper.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Trube seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zina Tedford, Interim City Clerk