

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011**

(1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

(2) ROLL CALL

Present:

Councilmember Brown

Councilmember Trube

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell

Mayor Hocking

Absent:

Councilmember Osteen (excused)

(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) PRESENTATION

- a. David Baker, Public Management, will present information on the Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas General Land Office for the Disaster Recovery Fund, Hurricane Ike, Round 2.2

Mr. Baker gave an overview of the events in the past few weeks in which the city was informed that it was eligible for \$4.9 million dollars through the Community Development Block Grant Program, Hurricane Ike Round 2.2. We were notified November 8th and informed the applications would be due December 9th. With the Mayor's assistance, the city appointed a Fair Housing Activity Statement team (FHASt). They were able to come up with a plan. The FHASt group was instrumental in the city's quest for funding. Without this group, the city would not have been eligible for funds. Mr. Baker continued by discussing the list of projects with the top four:

1. Fire Department bay doors
2. Sewer Rehabilitation
3. Kirby Street Water Plant
4. Raising and improving Woodland and Lake Road

This list is tentative based on costs estimates. The list may be added to or decreased based on final costs at a later date.

(5) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action of finalizing the list of projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program- Disaster Recovery Fund, Hurricane Ike, Round 2.2 in order of priority

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the list as outlined above. Councilmember Trube seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion/possible action of Resolution **R-2011-1171** of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas, authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant Program application to the Texas General Land Office for the Disaster Recovery Fund, Hurricane Ike, Round 2.2; and authorizing the City Manager to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Community Development Program

Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve Resolution R-2011-1171. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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(6) 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.

No one signed up to address City Council at this time.

(7) 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 – stated that he appreciated all efforts in securing the grant funding.

Councilmember Trube- stated that she appreciated that Mr. Baker and staff had foresight to push forward in pursuing the grant funding in spite of the time constraints.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell – echoed Councilmember Trube’s comments.

Mayor Hocking – Thank you Mr. Baker. We appreciate all you have done to help the City of La Marque secure these funds by ensuring that we crossed our “t’s” and dotted our “i’s” , helping us in get the FFAST team together and meeting all the critical deadlines.

(8) ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Trube seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:

Zina Tedford, Interim-City Clerk