



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

**City of La Marque
Regular Minutes
February 9, 2015**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road for purpose of considering the following agenda:

(1) Mayor Hocking called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

(2) ROLL CALL

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

City Manager Buttler
City Attorney Ortego
City Clerk Eldridge

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Bell dispensed the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) PRESENTATION – Mayor Hocking read a Proclamation in observance of Black History Month and reported that it will stay on display throughout the month of February at the La Marque Library

(5) MINUTES

a. City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015 and the Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015

**** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015 and the Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2015**

**** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

a. Geraldine Sam asked for the support to La Marque ISD. "If the La Marque School District closes, the economic effect that it will have on the City will be tremendous." She then asked if the City could write a letter of recommendation in support of LMISD. She asked for a police presence in front of the school on Bayou for one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon, during the arrival and dismissal times of the school children.

(7) PUBLIC HEARING NEW BUSINESS



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input on the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2015-002** regarding the recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission to approve the abandonment of Tract Two, a tract of land out of a portion of Prune Street 80 foot wide right of way lying South of Block 49 and that portion of Block 50 lying East of the G.H. & H. railroad right of way and North of Block 56, all in Subdivision "K" of the COOK AND STEWART SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in Galveston, County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 81, Page 526 in the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas

Mayor recessed the Regular Meeting and called the Public Hearing at 6:09 p.m.

No one spoke for or against the abandonment.

Mayor closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:10 p.m.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action adopting Ordinance No. **O-2015-002** regarding the recommendation of Planning & Zoning Commission to approve the abandonment of Tract Two, a tract of land out of a portion of Prune Street 80 foot wide right of way lying South of Block 49 and that portion of Block 50 lying East of the G.H. & H. railroad right of way and North of Block 56, all in Subdivision "K" of the COOK AND STEWART SUBDIVISION, a subdivision in Galveston, County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 81, Page 526 in the Office of the County Clerk of Galveston County, Texas **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2015-002.

** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion.

** Councilmember Brown spoke in favor of the abandonment and said that it was in his district. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding an appointment of a member to City of La Marque Boards and Commissions (Economic Development Corporation)

** Councilmember Brown requested that the appointment from District "D" be Louis McGaffey to the Economic Development Corporation Board.

- b. Discussion/possible action adopting Resolution No. **R-2015-003** regarding the submission of a Texas Community Development Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas CDBG Program

City Manager Carol Buttler said that this item is related to some information that was discussed in the last Council workshop and referred to David Baker of Public Management to explain in more detail.



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

David Baker explained that the City had been participating in the CDBG programs for the past twenty years and were successful in receiving grants seven or eight times.

Councilmember Trube asked, "If this grant is not going to be awarded until 2015-2016, why are we doing this now?"

Mr. Baker said that February 27th was the deadline for submitting the grant application. He further explained the time frame for submitting, receiving and the process of the grant application through the Department of Agriculture.

Ms. Buttler commented, "We are only asking permission to apply for the grant. We are under no obligation at this point."

Public Works Director Les Rumburg added, "If we receive the grant, our match of \$35,000.00 would essentially be used toward our commitment to the SSO program, which is money we would obligate anyway."

Councilmember Bell added that in the previous Council Workshop, it was discussed that if the funds were not available, the City could also have an "in-kind" option, to secure the match.

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2015-003** regarding the submission of a Texas Community Development Grant Program application to the Texas Department of Agriculture authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas CDBG Program.

** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(10) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Development Services**
- **Judicial**
- **Police Department**
- **Fire Department**
- **Public Works**
- **Library**
- **Financials**

Councilmember Trube referred to page number 51, operation in the Fire Department on the in-house repairs to the antique fire truck, page 55, asked why the open air market item was tabled, it was her understanding that it was ready to go. A policy was to be presented as an exhibit to the ordinance and had never come back. Asked for costs and to review the handbook. Asked why the schedule of cleaning the ditches began with A and B Districts, when districts C and D ditches



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

flood the worst; community service workers working on railroad mowing was questioned, she said they should be working off their community service by helping the City, since that is where they owe the money to. Telephones not being answered; page 62, asked if there was a timeline as to when the ordinance would come to be reviewed on synthetic marijuana; they are still conducting research; page 90, asked about the \$39,311.39 difference (it was coded in the wrong fund) and will be recoded.

Councilmember Lane asked about the TAP program status. They are moving forward, as per Chief of Police.

Councilmember Bell asked if she had changed the format of the report, said that it seemed to be more detailed and chronologically inline. Referred to page 71, a report on officer's activities, the line item "miscellaneous", these are calls relating to not crime driven, a request or a response to a special assignment, or a meeting with a citizen and interactions as part of the community policing plan.

Mayor Hocking commented, "We really need to up our game on Chanel 16 and asked for Council's support in this area."

(11) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Brown wished all a Happy Valentines. Expressed his concerns with the LMISD. Councilmember Trube thanked all for attending; and wished all to have a Happy Valentine's Day.

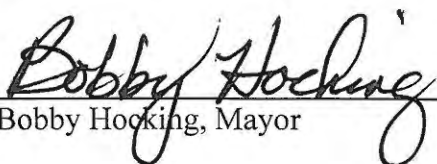
Councilmember Bell echoed Ms. Trubes' comments, Happy Valentines to everyone and that we are having problems with Channel 16. "Hopefully we can give the City Manager the tools that she needs. There is an IT person to soon come on board, maybe they can come on a little sooner. We all know the plight that our school district is in and we should all be praying for our children since it is their futures that lie in the balance."

Mayor Hocking concurred with the rest of City Council and sent a Happy Birthday wish to his former Little League coach, Mr. Sparky Sparks. "I want to correct the rumor that is going around, the City of La Marque is not now nor will it ever be taken over by any other City."

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION – there was no Executive Session

(13) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Councilmember Trube seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**


Bobby Hocking, Mayor



1111 Bayou
La Marque, Texas 77568
409.938.9202

Robin Eldridge

Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

**CITIZENS REQUEST TO
SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL**

In ordered to be heard, this form must be completed and returned to the City Clerk five (5) minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Date of Meeting:	2-9-15
------------------	--------

Citizens who wish to address the City Council about items on the agenda which are scheduled for Council action will have **three (3) minutes** to express their positions. Please indicate below the agenda item number on which you wish to comment.

Council Agenda Item Number:	
-----------------------------	--

Citizens wishing to address Council regarding a topic **not** on the agenda are afforded the same amount of time during "Citizens Request for Hearing" section. Please indicate below the subject matter.

Subject on which person wishes to speak:
Support LMISD
Police presence on Bayou in front of Elem.

Please step to the podium as soon as you are recognized by the Mayor, stating your name and address before beginning your presentation. If you have written notes you wish to present to the Mayor and Council, please furnish an extra copy for the official files. Citizens who have questions concerning procedure or the registration form may request assistance from the City Clerk. Thank you for your cooperation.

Name:	Geraldine Sam
Address:	2412 Stonewall La Margre
Phone Number:	409-9356069

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	
Speaker's Official Capacity:	