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**City of La Marque
Regular Minutes
February 23, 2015**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Marque, Texas that was conducted on Monday, February 23, 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 Hocking dispensed the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) MINUTES

- a. City Council Regular minutes of February 9, 2015.
- ** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the minutes
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(5) PRESENTATION

- a. Introduction of new employee- Library Director Amy Miller
Mayor Hocking introduced the new Library Director Amy Miller, and a background was provided by the City Manager Carol Buttler

(6) CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION

- 1. Lois Carelock 2416 Meadow Lane - provided a packet (hereto attached as Exhibit "A") to City Council concerning the cleaning up of La Marque asking for help from all citizens, staff, Mayor, and Council to promote the cleanup of the City by notifying residents of the ordinances, recycling days and bulk trash, green waste and heavy trash pickup days. Thanked the Clean City Commission for all of their help and asked for feedback on this issue.
- 2. Larry Thomas – 2718 Meadow Lane - voiced concerns over his sewer backing up, creating a health and safety issue. Public Works has been out a few times and



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temporarily corrected the problem. The problem is back. He hired a plumber, and the problem, according to the plumber, is on the City's side. He asked that someone return and take care of his problem for once and for all.

(7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding the Quarterly Investment Report – Fourth Quarter

** Councilmember Trube made a motion to approve the Quarterly Investment Report.

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

b. Discussion/possible action regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between College of the Mainland and the City of La Marque

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the College of the Mainland and the City of La Marque.

** Councilmember Brown seconded.

** Councilmember Trube asked if this was the first time that this agreement has come up between the City and the College of the Mainland and asked what the College had to offer the City.

Police Chief King answered that this was the first time this agreement has been between the City and the College. The College has an extensive emergency management program and they facilitate training and can also provide this training at a very low or no cost.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding Resolution No. **R-2015-004**, authorizing the Mayor to sign the "Joint Resolution" with Galveston County Emergency Management

** Councilmember Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2015-004**, authorizing the sign the "Joint Resolution" with Galveston County Emergency Management

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

d. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2015-003**, amending the City of La Marque 2014-2015 Budget for Year-End encumbrances, personnel, and related Capital outlays by increasing certain expenditures, and increasing certain revenues to individual budget accounts in certain funds as set forth in attached Exhibit "A" of the said Ordinance **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**

** Councilmember Bell made a motion adopt Ordinance No. **O-2015-003**, amending the City of La Marque 2014-2015 Budget for Year-End encumbrances, personnel, and related Capital outlays by increasing certain expenditures, and increasing certain revenues to individual budget accounts in certain funds as set forth in attached Exhibit "A" of the said Ordinance

** Councilmember Brown seconded the motion.

Councilmember Trube asked where the money is going to come from.



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Finance Kou explained that the year-end encumbrances will come from last years' budget, which has been approved by City Council through the budget process. The P.O.'s at last years end of budget year in September were still outstanding as of the end of budget. They will roll over to the next year and has to be recorded in the year when the expenditures incurred, not when the purchase orders are issued, according to accounting practices. Ms. Kou said it would happen each and every year.

Councilmember Bell asked the City Manager about a concern of \$62,000 apparent deficit within the budget. It was determined that this was one of the items that is reflected in the encumbrances. The money has already been rolled over and the \$40,000.00 budgeted for the current year is available.

- e. Discussion/possible action authorizing the City Manager to fund the IT Tech I position, as established by City Council workshop session for FY 2014-2015.
- ** Councilmember Bell made a motion to authorize the City Manager to fund the IT Tech I as established by City Council workshop session for FY 2014-2015.
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilmember Trube asked if this position was to be a temporary or a full-time position and, if this person would be asked to relieve Kyle in some of the maintenance duties.

City Manager answered that it was a full-time position and since the Maintenance Division was dissolved several years ago, whoever is available, either Kyle or someone from Public Works addresses most of the maintenance duties; and that the new position will be trained in all routine aspects of Kyles' position.

Councilmember Bell asked if this person would be able to help out with the problems that the City had been having with Channel 16; and also help maintain the new website, which is becoming more innovative in our technology for the public.

(8) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- **Development Services**
- **Police Department**
- **Fire Department**
- **Library**
- **Transit Reports**
- **Public Works**
- **Animal Services**

Councilmember Trube referred to page 39, and asked for a more detailed activity report. She also commended staff for the calculations on the spreadsheets being correct.

(9) EXECUTIVE SESSION



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(10) REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Trube thanked all for attending.

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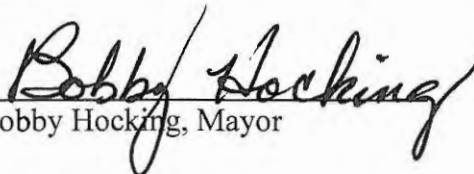
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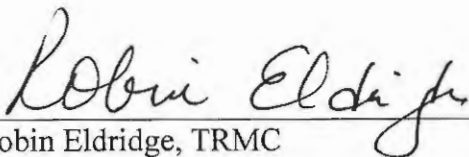
Councilmember Bell asked for a detailed report in revenue in fines that the City Marshall has been able to secure within the last twelve months. There was a concern that the City Marshall had been separated from her normal job functions while helping out in other areas.

Mayor Hocking concurred with all for attending and mentioned the passing of Mr. Jack Neuner, as 17 year City Councilmember and served as Mayor Pro-Tem; served as the first Fire Chief of the City's Volunteer Fire Department.

(11) ADJOURNMENT

- **** Councilmember Trube made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Councilmember Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**


Bobby Hocking, Mayor


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

**CITIZENS REQUEST TO
SPEAK BEFORE COUNCIL**

In order 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:	2/23/15
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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:	5
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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:	Cleaning up our city

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:	Lois Carlock
Address:	2416 Meadow Lane
Phone Number:	409) 938-7629

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	—
Speaker's Official Capacity:	—

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Subject on which person wishes to speak:
Water System

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Name:	Larry Thomas
Address:	2718 Meadow
Phone Number:	832-452-1464

If speaking on behalf of an organization:

Name of Organization:	
Speaker's Official Capacity:	