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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

Regular Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, February 13, 2017, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at 1109-B Bayou Road with the following members present:

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hocking called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

(2) ROLL CALL – MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Chris Lane	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Clent Brown	Absent

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Carol Buttler	City Manager
Ellis Ortego	City Attorney
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hocking led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

(4) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. Ronald Stevens said he and his wife just recently moved into Delany Cove, a subdivision within the city and wanted to report ACMI, the property management company, and the Homeowners Association of his subdivision. They have twice denied a request for him to plant a queen palm tree on his property. He was very upset with the manner that the personnel treated him when he does call them. They are very rude and each person, claims to be the same one person, even having different voices. Twice having the request ignored and the treatment he receives from the office personnel. Although the trees that the developer have long used in several communities are oak trees, and the tree roots are tearing up the sidewalks and streets within this subdivision. He was very upset with the manner that the personnel treated him when he does call them. He contacted his long-time friend and Councilmember Michetich and reported this and is asking what can be done.
2. David Castillo reported a sewer problem in his neighborhood. The sidewalk is buckling and the smell is horrible. There is a 6-8 inch drop off on the sidewalk.



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3. Leonard Payne reported of a leak at the MOTCO site, which is close to his property, has been leaking for several years. The city did come out last week, and he noticed that the workers were not wearing hard-hats; and the worker that was in the hole, was pulled up by the bucket on the bucket truck. No one else has been back out to "cap" it off or check on it. Reported that deep ruts have been made on the property, getting the truck back there to the site.
4. Charlotte Westerlage, reported a sewer problem on Shady Lane, that she didn't want to see eventually turn into a health hazard.

** Mayor provided a point of information, that the City did go out and spoke to the citizens that complained as a group, and the city cleaned out the drains and mentioned that this item is on the agenda later tonight.

(5) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. City Council Regular Minutes of January 9, 2017
- b. Public Hearing Minutes of the CBDG January 9, 2017
- c. City Council Workshop Minutes of December 1, 2016
- d. Discussion/possible action regarding accepting the Quarterly Investment Reports for Third and Fourth Quarters of 2016.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda

** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(6) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-001**, approving the new La Marque Cemetery Rules and Regulations as recommended by the La Marque Cemetery Board
- b. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-002**, amending Chapters 14 and 29 of the Code of Ordinances by adoption of the 2012 Editions of the International Fire Code, International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, and International Fuel Gas Code; adding local amendments to the adopted codes; designating the Fire Chief as Fire Code Official; establishing the Building Standards Commission as the Board of Appeals for these Codes; providing a saving and severability clause; providing a penalty, and repealing all previous editions in conflict
- c. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-003**, approving the request for rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential, to C-2, Restricted Commercial, a tract of land containing 2.9457 acres being the north portion out of a 5.0140 acre tract conveyed to Sidney E. and Shirley A. West (now Vivian Ann West) in instrument dated June 29, 1970 recorded in volume 2133, page 749 of the deed records of Galveston County out of the Southwesterly portion of the original Wiedemann 300 acre parent tract in the West half of survey no. 4 of the S.F. Austin League, in the city of La



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Marque, commonly known as 5515 FM 2004, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

- d. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding Ordinance No. **O-2017-004**, approving the request for rezone from R-1 (Single Family Residential), to C-2, (Restricted Commercial) of four lots facing the intersection of Magnolia Street and Bayou Road in the City of La Marque, described as: ABST 150 PAGE 4 PT OF BLK 11 (1100-4) DIV II COOK & STEWART SUB., commonly known as 1916 Magnolia; ABST 150 PAGE 4 LOT 5 BLK 1 A FORMANS SUB., commonly known as 1533 Bayou RD; ABST 150 PAGE 4 35 MAGNOLIA ADDN., commonly known as 1602 Bayou RD; ABST 150 PAGE 4 LOT 4 BLK 1 A FORMANS SUB., commonly known as 1531 Bayou RD, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Hocking closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Geraldine Sam asked about the addition to the Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:23 p.m.

(7) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adoption of Ordinance No. **O-2017-001**, approving the new La Marque Cemetery Rules and Regulations as recommended by the La Marque Cemetery Board **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

****** Mayor Hocking asked during the beginning of the Public Hearing that this item be **TABLED** and sent back before the Cemetery Board to possibly add the policy of a free burial plot for indigent veteran residing in the City.

****** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to table this item.

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

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding adoption of Ordinance No. **O-2017-002**, amending Chapters 14 and 29 of the Code of Ordinances by adoption of the 2012 Editions of the International Fire Code, International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, and International Fuel Gas Code; adding local amendments to the adopted codes; designating the Fire Chief as Fire Code Official; establishing the Building Standards Commission as the Board of Appeals for these Codes; providing a saving and severability clause; providing a penalty, and repealing all previous editions in conflict **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

****** Councilmember Lane made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2017-002**, amending Chapters 14 and 29 of the Code of Ordinances by adoption of the 2012 Editions of the International Fire Code, International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Property Maintenance Code, International Plumbing Code, International



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** Councilmember Michetich seconded.

Derra Matina of Olson and Olson approached the podium and referred to the change in the first reading and that it should also be included in the final reading, which was the wording in Section 29-31 to read, "The Fire Marshall shall be designated by the Fire Chief within the uniformed classifications of the Fire Department." **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding adoption of Ordinance No. **O-2017-003**, approving the request for rezoning from R-1, Single Family Residential, to C-2, Restricted Commercial, a tract of land containing 2.9457 acres being the north portion out of a 5.0140 acre tract conveyed to Sidney E. and Shirley A. West (now Vivian Ann West) in instrument dated June 29, 1970 recorded in volume 2133, page 749 of the deed records of Galveston County out of the Southwesterly portion of the original Wiedemann 300 acre parent tract in the West half of survey no. 4 of the S.F. Austin League, in the city of La Marque, commonly known as 5515 FM 2004, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

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- ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding adoption of Ordinance No. **O-2017-004**, approving the request for rezone from R-1 (Single Family Residential), to C-2, (Restricted Commercial) of four lots facing the intersection of Magnolia Street and Bayou Road in the City of La Marque, described as: ABST 150 PAGE 4 PT OF BLK 11 (1100-4) DIV H COOK & STEWART SUB., commonly known as 1916 Magnolia; ABST 150 PAGE 4 LOT 5 BLK 1 A FORMANS SUB., commonly known as 1533 Bayou RD; ABST 150 PAGE 4 35 MAGNOLIA ADDN., commonly known as 1602 Bayou; ABST 150 PAGE 4 LOT 4 BLK 1 A FORMANS SUB., commonly known as 1531 Bayou RD, as recommended by the City of La Marque Planning and Zoning Commission **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**



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** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(8) AWARD OF BIDS/CONTRACTS

a. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 11-17 to Parrish & Parrish Tractor Services for annual Mowing and Clearing Services of various properties in the amount of \$56,292.00

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to award Bid #LM 11-17 to Parrish & Parrish Tractor Services for annual Mowing and Clearing Services of various properties in the amount of \$56,292.00

** Councilmember Michetich seconded.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked how many lots were to be mowed. How will it be documented as to when the lots are mowed? Does every lot fit into a category or have a plan?

There are approximately 127 lots. Code Enforcement Director Kathleen Van Stavern said that the contractors take before and after pictures of each piece of property mowed, and this record is documented within the software in the department. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

b. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 12-17 to Inland Environments LTD, for the demolition of 12 substandard residential structures in the amount of \$56,125.00

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award Bid #LM 12-17 to Inland Environments LTD, for the demolition of 12 substandard residential structures in the amount of \$56,125.00

** Councilmember Lane seconded.

** Councilmember Michetich asked if it included the structure at 1910 Oaklawn, which is does. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**.

c. Discussion/possible action regarding award to LJA Engineering the costs of engineering services necessary in the preparation of bid package for repairs/replacement of the sanitary sewer main line on Oak Street, from Cedar to Hathaway, under Highway 3, and terminating at the Hathaway Lift Station, in the amount of \$111,000



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- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to award LJA Engineering the costs of engineering services necessary in the preparation of bid package for repairs/replacement of the sanitary sewer main line on Oak Street, from Cedar to Hathaway, under Highway 3, and terminating at the Hathaway Lift Station, in the amount of \$111,000
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2017-005** vacating, abandonment, and closing of road and alley rights-of-way located on realty described in Exhibit "A" **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2017-005** vacating, abandonment, and closing of road and alley rights-of-way located on realty described in Exhibit "A"
- ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2017-006**, providing for the annexation of Painted Meadows Section 5 subdivision, consisting of 27.312 acres of land, and a section of Autry Road, as forwarded with favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2017-006**, providing for the annexation of Painted Meadows Section 5 subdivision, consisting of 27.312 acres of land, and a section of Autry Road, as forwarded with favorable recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mayor Hocking deviated from the order of the agenda items and address item 9f at this time.

- f. Discuss further issues with Delany Cove Development
- Councilmember Michetich reported that his friend recently moved here and bought a home in Delaney Cove, and several things were brought to light. First of all, deed restrictions are not being provided to the residents, when moving into the subdivision. After receiving complaints from citizens that live in the subdivision, he made a call to find out what was being done to alleviate some of the issues the citizens were facing. But, since he wasn't a property owner, they didn't wish to speak with him, and on a few occasions were very rude. He was able to find out a few things, their home owners association meetings are conducted once a year. In his subdivision, the meetings are four times a year. The oak trees that the Friendswood Development Corporation plants for green space in the rights of ways, tear up the water lines, sidewalks, and curbs and roads, this leaving it to the city to have to replace. The new owners have been told they would have to contact CenterPoint if they were to lower their cost on their street lighting costs, with the possibility of changing out the LED lighting that currently exists. He asked that a memorandum or an agreement be signed stating that there will be no more oak trees



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planted in the city's right of ways. He also said he was not in favor of the single family home lots not being reduced from 60 X 120 to 50 X 110, and that a park should be placed in every new sub-division. "I hope we can work together, I want you all to be successful in your development."

Brad Garner, of Friendswood Development spoke of the rise in recent demand of new construction, differing from the pattern of the past few years with this company. They held their annual meeting which, with a good attendance from a lot of residents. "We are dismayed about the behavior of our property management company (ACMI), and we do understand the concern about the trees. Those trees have been a part of the Friendswood Development Corporation for a number of years. We do have more acres to be developed within the community. We are not interested in wasting money, we try to make an effort to conserve water and other resources."

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell brought up the earlier conversation that Councilmember Michetich spoke of concerning the buckling of the sidewalks due to the roots from the oak trees. It was made aware that geotechnical borings to get soil qualities were conducted, so it seemed that this problem of the buckling of sidewalks and roads, could have been avoided.

Further discussion included the question of whether this company had good relationships with other city governments and whether they were productive in dealing with this property management company, since they have had another development complain about this particular property management company. It was suggested that a letter of memorandum be drawn up to include the discontinuation of planting the oak trees in the city right-of-ways. It was recommended that a meeting be held to cultivate the relationship between the developers and the city to clear up some of the issues facing them at this time.

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding the approval of the Final Plat of Painted Meadows Section 5, a subdivision of 27.317 acres located in the J.R. Pace Survey, Abstract – 161 Galveston County, Texas, City of La Marque, Galveston County, Texas, and a variance to Code Section 41-107(e), for the dimensions of the lots to be reduced from 60'X120' to 50'X110' in size as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

- ** Councilmember Bell made a motion to approve the Final Plat of Painted Meadows Section 5, a subdivision of 27.317 acres located in the J.R. Pace Survey, Abstract – 161 Galveston County, Texas, City of La Marque, Galveston County, Texas, and a variance to Code Section 41-107(e), for the dimensions of the lots to be reduced from 60'X120' to 50'X110' in size as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission

- ** Councilmember Lane seconded.

After a brief discussion, concerning a concrete retaining wall with reinforcements that will route all of the drainage in Section 5 into a different ditch, not placing the burden on Sections, 1, 2, 3 and 4. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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- d. Discussion/possible action regarding the approval of the Final Plat for Landing at Delany Cove Section 6, a subdivision of 11.849 acres located in S.F. Austin League No. 4 Survey, A-2 City of La Marque, Galveston County, Texas, and allowing a variance to Code Section 41-107 (e), for the dimension of the lots to be reduced from 60'X120' to 50'X120' in size
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to deny the Final Plat for Landing at Delany Cove Section 6, a subdivision of 11.849 acres located in S.F. Austin League No. 4 Survey, A-2 City of La Marque, Galveston County, Texas, and allowing a variance to Code Section 41-107 (e), for the dimension of the lots to be reduced from 60'X120' to 50'X120' in size
 - ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- e. Discussion/possible action to accept the Proposed Street Dedication Landing at Delany Cove, being 0.6 + Acres of Land out of the S.F. Austin League No. 4 survey, A-2 City of La Marque Galveston County, Texas being the continuation of Meadow Lake Village Drive, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to deny the Proposed Street Dedication Landing at Delany Cove, being 0.6 + Acres of Land out of the S.F. Austin League No. 4 survey, A-2 City of La Marque Galveston County, Texas being the continuation of Meadow Lake Village Drive, as recommended by Planning and Zoning Commission
 - ** Councilmember Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- f. Discuss further issues with Delany Cove Development – Councilmember R. Michetich
SEE ABOVE (after Agenda item 9b)
- g. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2017-007**, amending the City of La Marque 2016-2017 Budget for Year-end Encumbrances, personnel, and related Capital Outlays by increasing certain expenditures to individual budget accounts in certain funds as set forth in Exhibit “A” **THIS IS THE FIRST READING**
 - ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. **O-2017-007**, amending the City of La Marque 2016-2017 Budget for Year-end Encumbrances, personnel, and related Capital Outlays by increasing certain expenditures to individual budget accounts in certain funds as set forth in Exhibit “A”
 - ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- h. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2017-003**, awarding to Government Capital a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring “vehicles, water meters, and equipment” in the amount of \$662,330.88
 - ** Councilmember Lane made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2017-003**, awarding to Government Capital a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring “vehicles, water meters, and equipment” in the amount of \$662,330.88
 - ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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- i. Discussion/possible action regarding award of one (1) Frazer Type 1 Modular Medic Unit to Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep through H-GAC in the amount of \$161,875.00
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award one (1) Frazer Type 1 Modular Medic Unit to Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep through H-GAC in the amount of \$161,875.00
 - ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- j. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding the purchase of six (6) SCOTT Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to Municipal Emergency Services through H-GAC in the amount \$39,292.86
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem made a motion to award the purchase of six (6) SCOTT Self-contained Breathing Apparatus to Municipal Emergency Services through H-GAC in the amount of \$39,292.86
 - ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- k. Discussion/possible action regarding awarding to Crescent Electric, through the BuyBoard the purchase of a replacement generator for the Police Department's building in an amount up to \$56,000.00
 - ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to award to Crescent Electric, through the BuyBoard, the purchase of a replacement generator for the Police Department's building in an amount up to \$56,000.00
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- l. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2017-004**, ratifying the City Manager's authorization for the La Marque Police Department to apply for a CJD grant to fund new body worn cameras and committing a 20% funding match of \$1,983.60
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2017-004**, ratifying the City Manager's authorization for the La Marque Police Department to apply for a CJD grant to fund new body worn cameras and committing a 20% funding match of \$1,983.60
 - ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- m. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Resolution No. **R-2017-005**, authorizing City of La Marque to enter into an agreement to construct improvements to the sanitary sewer connection for property located at 3195 Main Street, La Marque and subsequently impose reimbursement of costs through a Special Assessment
 - ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Resolution No. **R-2017-005**, authorizing City of La Marque to enter into an agreement to construct improvements to the sanitary sewer connection for property located at 3195 Main Street, La Marque and subsequently impose reimbursement of costs through a Special Assessment
 - ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



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- n. Discussion/possible action regarding award of purchase to Texas Underground, through the BuyBoard, for major repairs of the vactor truck blower component, including 20% for contingencies, in the amount of \$30,000.00
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award of purchase to Texas Underground, through the BuyBoard, for major repairs of the vactor truck blower component, including 20% for contingencies, in the amount of \$30,000.00
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
- o. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of the upgrade of an existing but, unfunded position, within the Development Services Department to "Development Coordinator" effective March 14, 2017.
- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to approve the upgrade of an existing but, unfunded position within the Development Services Department to "Development Coordinator" effective March 14, 2017
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked what the day to day functions look like for this position and about a revenue stream that would maintain this position. It was asked who was doing the functions now.

City Manager Carol Buttler stated, "This position would handle the Planning and Zoning, Board of Adjustment packets, information, putting the agendas together, also deal with the plan reviews and doing simple plan reviews on their own. This position is something we have needed for awhile, but, we wanted to make sure what we needed before bringing it before Council." Erica had been taking on these responsibilities, but with the growth spurt in the city, it had become overwhelming. It was also mentioned that this position would also coordinate working with the local HIOA's and sending out information through the Nextdoor application. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(10) DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

- a. Discussion / staff report regarding the status of Water and Sewer Utility projects, both in-process and proposed

Public Services Director L. Rumburg began his status report with the first thing the following day, that the water will be turned off at the MOTCO (EPA regulated site) for a few hours and make the necessary adjustments to the clamp that is in place at the current time. This clamp being a tourniquet only

Mayor received a text that the broadcast on Channel 16 and the internet was spotty at best. Brandon assured him, he was working on it.



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Mr. Rumburg continued, "They are the only use of the six inch line that MOTCO is using, and not sure when that line went in, but we have determined that the best thing to do is to abandon that line and have them find another source, but we do have an option in-play for their consideration. We are allowing them ninety days to work with their engineers, and if they are in agreement with our option, we will work with Gulf Coast Water Authority to establish another take point and they will be responsible for installing the line and we would meter the water from that take point to their facility. One of our concerns was, that meter, and we removed that meter last week and straight lined the connection. In 2009, the city became the recipients to some 5.5 million dollars in grant fund money and we have around \$800,000 left, and we will be looking into making some much needed sewer line improvements. On the 15th, all involved parties will be meeting and hopefully within thirty days, begin the bidding process for a contractor to begin this project. This is separate from the 2.5 million in bonds that we are planning on spending on sewer line replacements and manholes. This will, one, take care of our sewer needs, and two, help us to meet our Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) obligations with TCEQ. There was the need to utilize part of those bond monies, recently, to an emergency situation, the contractors are finishing up the repairing of 6000 feet of line and point repairs of eight sections within the city."

It was recommended, that whenever material is being staged and a project is being planned, it should be on the website or in utility flyer to make the residents aware.

It was mentioned that when the planning is a few weeks or months out, this should be the protocol, this past week there was an emergency situation, so there was not a lot of time for notification, but, the contractors went door to door to those customers that were going to be directly impacted.

Mr. Rumburg continued, "Oak Street will also be a part of the CO bond funds, and it is on the agenda tonight for approval to correct the force main line at Cedar by the Valero Station. Two years ago, we did a major repair at the west side by the Valero Station, but on down Oak to Hathaway it is in dire need of repair. Once that line is replaced, it will drain a large portion of the town and utilize the Hathaway lift station to its capabilities. The issue we have now, if we don't keep those manholes down, the sewage coming down that forced main and that is the odor that makes its way to the Shady Lane area.

"Moving onto water, hopefully the application for \$350,000.00 of CBDG funds is approved, we are leveraging that with approximately \$500,000.00 of the bond funds, for an \$800,000.00 project to replace water lines. We have those sites selected within the Honeysuckle, Azalea area, about 5000 feet of 2 inch water line replacement, affecting around 133 residents will be impacted by that. If you recall from the water planning study done by ARCC Engineering, \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00 per year should be set aside to address the city's water loss issues. This would enable us to get about a two year head start on this program. My hope is by early summer, we should be doing gangbusters."

C Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked, "For our citizens on Shady Lane, give me again, what date or time frame we are looking at."



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Mr. Rumburg answered, "Ninety days out before the bidding process begins, and with work being completed around August. My goal is that we can come back to City Council with a recommended bidder."

Mayor brought attention to a large green truck going around town, "It looks like they are cleaning out storm sewers."

Mr. Rumburg responded, "Yes, the city is paying for this while our vacuum truck is down. They are doing a good job."

(11) CITY MANAGER REPORT

- **Judicial**
- **Police**
- **Fire**
- **Library**
- **Public Services**
- **Animal Services**
- **Financials**

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell commented, "It seems like every meeting there is an increase in vacancies in our telecommunicators. We are needing dispatchers. Dispatchers are vital to the functionality of the part of public safety departments. We could actually lose officers. Do we need to add some type of bonus or expedite the hiring process?"

City Manager Buttler replied, "We have done a couple of things, and Chief may want to fill in. I know I met one of our new telecommunicators this morning. We have made arrangement with another city to have one of their telecommunicators to come help us out. League City will be helping with some of the training"

Police Chief Jackson added, "We are processing applicants. Now they have to be TCOLS certified. We do have some stringent hiring requirements, but, the biggest hurdle that we have seen so far, is the telecommunicators expectations. A telecommunicator will come in, experience the job for about thirty days, and realize, "I can't do this." It is too stressful and there is too much multi-tasking. We have had two of them, just get up and walk out, because they just can't handle it. We are looking at a new format for the training, perhaps administering an academy to get the new hire trained and accustomed to using the equipment. The CAD and the 9-1-1 systems are two completely different computer systems that you have to utilize at the exact same time. We are trying our hardest to get these folks in here. La Marque is not the only agency that is suffering. It is a problem statewide if not nationwide."

Seeking persons in the Police academy, Fire Academy and EMS courses, those people that already that have the heart and passion for this type of work was suggested.



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Chief Jackson continued, "Believe me there is nothing more, that, I would have than a fully staffed telecommunications office."

It was mentioned that a few of the previous telecommunicators that left the City have returned, and the city was glad to see them coming back. A few have been lost by wishing to pursue their career by going to the Police Academy.

(12) EXECUTIVE SESSION - There was no Executive Session

(13) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Michetich thanked all for attending. Said that he is glad to see the sewer repairs being done.

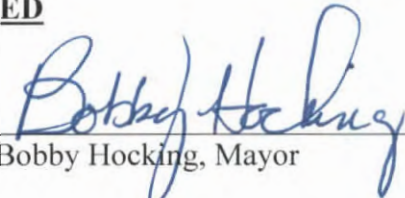
Mayor Pro-Tem Bell stated that there have been two suicides within the last two months within the community. He encouraged everyone to speak to their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to see if we can instill in them the value of human life and adversity and perseverance that we may be able to stop this building "tide" within the community as it relates to our children's mental health. Then wished all a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mayor Hocking concurred with Mayor Pro-Tem and reminded all that bullying has no place in our children's lives. Wished all a Happy Valentine's Day and reminded all of a rain event that was due to come in the following day. He will be giving his sixth speech at the Annual State of the County and City the following Thursday

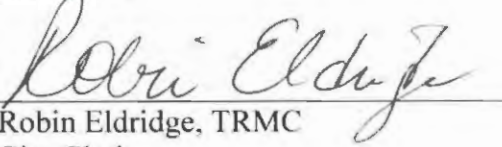
(14) ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Bell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Michetich seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED**


Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

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DELANY COVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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Name of Organization: _____

Speaker's Official Capacity _____

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Issues on Delany Coyle + HOA

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General issue re 60 Oak, Oak, Lane, Mayor Shady Lane
Studio Lane

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