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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 9, 2018**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, April 9, 2018, 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

Bobby Hocking	Mayor
Keith Bell	Mayor Pro-Tem, Councilmember District A
Chris Lane	Councilmember, District B
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C – Absent - Excused
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

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

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance

(4) PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Introduction of new Police Officer Calvin Harp and Oath of Office – Police Chief Jackson introduced Officer Calvin Harp and Mayor Hocking administered the Oath of Office to Officer Harp
- b. Mayor Hocking presented Steven Gordon of CenterPoint the Proclamation for April being “Safe Digging Month”
- c. Mayor Hocking presented Thomasine Allen the Proclamation for April being “Child Abuse and Awareness Month”
- d. Mayor Hocking presented Michael Turner the Proclamation for the second full week in April being “National Public Safety Telecommunications” week and Chief Jackson added, “Without the men and women who sit there in the telecommunication center answering the phone and being your first point of contact when you need help, there would be no public safety.”
- e. Mayor Hocking read the Fair Housing Month Proclamation

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

There were none.



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(6) MINUTES

- a. Regular City Council Meeting minutes of March 12, 2018

** Councilmember Lane made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2018
** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding ratifying City Manager's approval of expenditures of Texas Pride Utilities for costs involved in emergency sewer line repairs in the amount of \$102,395.00.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the ratification of expenditures of Texas Pride Utilities for costs involved in emergency sewer line repairs in the amount of \$102,395.00.

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

(8) APPOINTMENTS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding appointments and/or reappointments to fill vacancies to various positions of the Boards and Commissions.

** After first receiving the approval of Councilmember Lane, Councilwoman Mc Auliffe appointed Diane Winston to the Building Standards Commission.

** Mayor, after also receiving the approval of Councilmember Lane appointed C.J. Leggett as Alternate for the Parks Board.

Appointments stood as submitted.

(9) EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) – Chemetco Site Settlement Agreement

Mayor Hocking closed the Regular meeting and went into Executive Session at 6:22 p.m.

Mayor Hocking reconvened to the Regular meeting at 6:43 p.m.

(10) ACTION TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Discussion/possible action regarding a Settlement Agreement with Chemetco
** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to direct the City Manager to enter into a Settlement Agreement with Chemetco Site in the amount of \$5,000.00.
** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(11) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (this item was taken before going into the Executive Session)



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Councilwoman Mc Auliffe thanked Colleen Merritt for her hard work in the latest edition of the Inside La Marque publication.

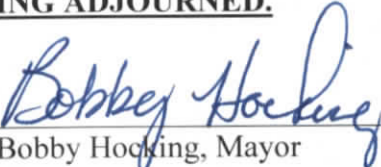
Councilmember Lane thanked all for attending the meeting and invited everyone to a book club meeting he will be hosting at the La Marque Library on April 12, 2018, the book is "It's not a Crime to be Poor."

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell encouraged all to go out and vote in the upcoming election. "We do have a Mayor race within the City, and we all should be well educated on both of those persons, it doesn't matter who you vote for, vote for who think will be the better person, based on records, qualifications and vision for the City."

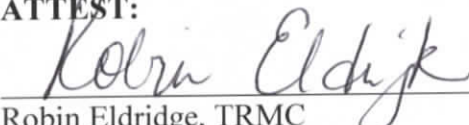
Mayor Hocking thanked Councilwoman Mc Auliffe for helping to bring Council around in getting rid of plastics and cans and using products that cannot hurt the environment. "If this were to be my last meeting, I want everyone in La Marque to know what an honor it is to serve as your Mayor. It's my passion, and I am certainly proud of what we have accomplished as a Council in the last seven years, going from 3.2 million dollar deficit to a million dollar deficit and now having a balanced budget and a surplus for the last five years. I commend this Council for the work that they have done in helping to achieve that. I pray that I will be back here on May the 14th."

(12) ADJOURNMENT

- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:43 p.m.
- ** Councilmember Lane seconded. **MEETING ADJOURNED.**


Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:


Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk