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**CITY OF LA MARQUE
CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF
October 8, 2018**

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of the City of La Marque City Council held on Monday, October 8, 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 - Absent
Robert Michetich	Councilmember, District C
Casey Mc Auliffe	Councilwoman, District D

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Charlene Warren	Interim City Manager
Robin Eldridge	City Clerk
Ellis Ortego	City Attorney

(3) INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Mayor Pro-Tem Bell led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hocking

(4) PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS

- a. Proclamation- Municipal Court Week - November 5-9, 2018
Mayor Hocking presented Municipal Court Judge Baker, City Marshall Russell Washington, Rosemary Bell, Municipal Court Clerk and Sheila Maya Deputy Court Clerk

(5) CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

1. Charles Williams shared his concerns of a property behind his home at 228 Splintered Arrow and his fence backs up to a vacant piece of property that hasn't ever been mowed and has bad mosquitoes.
2. Jerry Martinez addressed his objection to the rental registration program adopted by ordinance this past summer. He owns some rental property in La Marque and feels that the program places unnecessary burdens on property owners. He said he has a Property Manager and by doing so he is required by (TREC) Texas Real Estate Commission to maintain his property so that it is safe for the tenant and is



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required to make repairs as needed. He asked for Council to reconsider the Program

3. Leonard Payne said that he and his wife had inherited two houses on the same block that he lives on. "My daughter lives in one of these houses and I don't charge her a nickel rent, and I never intended to. She is going to inherit this property when I disappear. I don't think that it is right that the City done me another hundred bucks, when I am paying taxes on that property to begin with. There are members of this Council that don't pay property taxes in La Marque, but I (damn) sure do. If ya'll need more money, someone needs to get out and do some other law enforcement ordinance enforcement and collect on some of the revenue you are missing there. I do a lot of mowing around there and a lot of it is City right-of way that I cut. I can cut more right-of way than the City tractor does, when he is out just riding around." He continued and added that he worked for the city for over thirty years and that he knows the ordinances probably better than the people that are enforcing them. "I feel like the City is double dipping on me on the tax dollar. When they are asking me for another hundred dollars, for the rent houses, they are not rent houses, they belong to me, but nobody is paying rent. I pay the taxes every year. Now, if I gave it to my daughter today, it would probably be on the court house steps for sale in a year or two, because she wouldn't be paying the taxes, course Daddy would end up." He said he disagreed with the city charging this fee.

(6) CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes of City Council for a Special meeting held on July 23, 2018 (5:00 p.m.)
- b. Minutes of City Council for the Regular meeting held on September 10, 2018
- c. Minutes of City Council for a Special meeting held on September 11, 2018
- d. Minutes of City Council for a Special meeting held on September 17, 2018
- e. Acceptance of a Proposal submitted by Ron Cox Consulting to conduct a search for a new City Manager for the City of La Marque
- f. Authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter to the La Marque Economic Development in regards to receiving revitalization funds for Galveston County match (\$1,000,000.00)
- g. Authorizing the Mayor to execute a letter to the La Marque Economic Development Corporation in regards to receiving funds for TxDOT infrastructure enhancements (\$60,000.00)
- h. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a sponsorship agreement with People Generation for Magical Winter Lights 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.00.
- i. Discussion/possible action regarding the approval of a three (3) year agreement between the City of La Marque and the La Marque Police Association beginning October 1, 2018 and ending on September 30, 2021.
- j. Adopting Resolution No. R-2018-0025 in Recognition of Municipal Court Week November 5-9, 2018.



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Mayor Hocking pulled items “f” and “g” to explain. “Basically, what item f is, the La Marque EDC has a Revitalization Fund and they have offered to match the Galveston County match, so for the road bonds, that were passed by the officials. This will need to go before the EDC Boards, but they are willing to match the County’s one million, so, instead of 1.3 million for roads, we would get 3.7 for roads. Item “g”, is for a consulting fee so that when the new overpasses go in, this will go towards the logo and stamps and really recognize our City.”

- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve the Consent agenda.
- ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(7) PUBLIC HEARING

- a. Conduct Public Hearing to hear public input regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2018-0012**, amending Chapter 62, Section 62-84, Traffic and Vehicles, of the City of La Marque Code of Ordinances, Farm Road Highway 1764 to alter certain speed limits and amending Section 62-85, by deleting Subsection (c), which established a school zone on Farm Road Highway 1765.

Mayor Hocking closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:14 p.m.

No one spoke.

Mayor Hocking closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2018-0012**, amending Chapter 62, Section 62-84, Traffic and Vehicles, of the City of La Marque Code of Ordinances, Farm Road Highway 1764 to alter certain speed limits and amending Section 62-85, by deleting Subsection (c), which established a school zone on Farm Road Highway 1765 **THIS IS THE SECOND AND FINAL READING**

- ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2018-0012.
- ** Councilwoman seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

(9) AGREEMENTS/CONTRACTS

- a. Discussion/possible action authorizing the City Manager to execute the annual contract with the County of Galveston Commissioners’ Court for the provision of fire protection services to unincorporated areas of Galveston County commencing



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upon execution, and expiring September 30, 2019, in return for payment in the amount of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$22,500.00).

** MAYOR Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to authorize the City Manager to execute the annual contract with the County of Galveston Commissioners' Court for the provision of fire protection services to unincorporated areas of Galveston County commencing upon execution, and expiring September 30, 2019, in return for payment in the amount of twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars and no cents (\$22,500.00).

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

b. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of annual Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract with Galveston County Health District for services provided, including City-wide grease trap inspections, Waste Water Treatment inspections, and complaint investigations, in the amount of \$12,708.00.

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to approve the annual Water Pollution Control and Abatement Contract with Galveston County Health District for services provided, including City-wide grease trap inspections, Waste Water Treatment inspections, and complaint investigations, in the amount of \$12,708.00.

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

c. Discussion/possible action regarding approving a professional services agreement with Precision Utilities, LLC, for providing oversight and administration of the Water and Wastewater Facilities (Department 24) for compliance with TCEQ and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the City of La Marque in the amount of \$150,000.00.

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to approve a professional services agreement with Precision Utilities, LLC, for providing oversight and administration of the Water and Wastewater Facilities (Department 24) for compliance with TCEQ and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the City of La Marque in the amount of \$150,000.00.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked if there would be able to look at the current performance prior to contracting with a management company compared to our performance after, mostly in the area of expenditures and compliance history. Interim City Manager was going to look into this.

Interim Public Services Director, Mr. Deck Shaver commented, "The primary focus when hiring these folks is to have the required licenses and operators that TCEQ requires us to have. Under state regulations we are required to have either on



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staff or under contract the state licensed operators for the water and waste water services.”

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

- d. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of the annual purchase of surface water from Gulf Coast Water Authority in the amount of \$1,382,379.00 which includes Bond B in the amount of \$37,129.00 and Bond D in the amount of \$245,250.00.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to approve the annual purchase of surface water from Gulf Coast Water Authority in the amount of \$1,382,379.00 which includes Bond B in the amount of \$37,129.00 and Bond D in the amount of \$245,250.00.

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

(10) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding adopting Ordinance No. **O-2018-0013** approving a re-zone from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-1 General Commercial, being a tract or parcel of land containing 1.3684 acres of land or 59,606 square feet, located in the S.F. Austin League, Abstract 2, Galveston County, Texas; Said 1.3684 acre tract being all of Tracts 1 and 2 of record in the name of La Marque Investment Group, Inc. in Galveston County Clerk File (G.C.C.F.) Number 9103747 and being all of that tract of land of record in the name of Hazel Benton of record in G.C.C.F. Number 8723178, Said 1.3684 acre tract being more particularly described as bearings based as on said G.C.C.F. No. 9103747. (3197 Main and lot on Duroux and contiguous to 3197 Main) **THIS IS THE FIRST READING.**

** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2018-0013.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- b. Discussion/possible action regarding Ordinance No. **O-2018-0014**, amending Appendix A, Schedule of Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances, City of La Marque, Texas by amending prescribed solid waste collection charges **THIS IS THE FIRST READING.**

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. O-2018-0014.

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

- c. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing the Police Department and the Municipal Court to finance the purchase of nine (9) marked patrol vehicles; eight (8) for the Police Department and one (1) for the City Marshal.



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- ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion authorizing the Police Department and the Municipal Court to finance the purchase of nine (9) marked patrol vehicles; eight (8) for the Police Department and one (1) for the City Marshal
- ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(11) AWARD OF BIDS

- a. Discussion/possible action regarding the award of depository contract to Texas First Bank for a one-year term and an option to extend for one additional year.
 - ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to award the depository contract to Texas First Bank for a one-year term and an option to extend for one additional year.
 - ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- b. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 02-19 to Petroleum Traders Corporation for fuel in the amount of \$15,000.00, in differential costs.
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award Bid #LM 02-19 to Petroleum Traders Corporation for fuel in the amount of \$15,000.00, in differential costs.
 - ** Councilmember Michetich seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- c. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 03-19 to Century Asphalt for Cold Mix Cold Lay (CMCL) in the amount of \$30,800.00.
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to award Bid #LM 03-19 to Century Asphalt for Cold Mix Cold Lay (CMCL) in the amount of \$30,800.00.
 - ** Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- d. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 07-19 to CPR Services & Supplies dba MDN Enterprises for Water & Sewer Supplies in the amount of \$125,278.45.
 - ** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to award Bid #LM 07-19 to CPR Services & Supplies dba MDN Enterprises for Water & Sewer Supplies in the amount of \$125,278.45.
 - ** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
- e. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 01-19 to DXI Industries for Liquid Chlorine, Calcium Hypochlorite & Sulfur Dioxide in the amount of \$ 65,000.00.
 - ** Councilmember Michetich made a motion to award Bid #LM 01-19 to DXI Industries for Liquid Chlorine, Calcium Hypochlorite & Sulfur Dioxide in the amount of \$ 65,000.00.



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** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- f. Discussion/possible action regarding award of Bid #LM 05-19 to Evoqua Water Technologies for Odor and Corrosion Control in the amount of \$178,200.00.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to award Bid #LM 05-19 to Evoqua Water Technologies for Odor and Corrosion Control in the amount of \$178,200.00.

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

- g. Discussion/possible action regarding authorizing the City Manager to accept Texas Pride Utilities' proposal to perform emergency Sanitary Sewer manhole repairs at the 6th Street Lift station in the amount of \$64,300.00.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to authorize the City Manager to accept Texas Pride Utilities' proposal to perform emergency Sanitary Sewer manhole repairs at the 6th Street Lift station in the amount of \$64,300.00.

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

- h. Discussion/possible action regarding approval of LJA Engineering's Proposal for Engineering Services for the City of La Marque Assessment and Feasibility Report for a 2.25 Million Gallon per Day (MGD) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion in the amount of \$135,925.00.

** Mayor Pro-Tem Bell made a motion to approve LJA Engineering's Proposal for Engineering Services for the City of La Marque Assessment and Feasibility Report for a 2.25 Million Gallon per Day (MGD) Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Expansion in the amount of \$135,925.00.

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe seconded. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

(12) APPOINTMENTS/NOMINATIONS

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

There were no appointments or reappointments.

(13) EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

(14) REQUEST AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilwoman Mc Auliffe stated October was her favorite month. Reported that she has witnessed persons helping each other in her district. It will be exciting to work with the consulting firm in search for a new City Manager. Wish all a happy Halloween.



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Reported Fall Sweep (City-wide cleanup) asked for volunteers. (November 3, 2018) from 8:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Councilmember Michetich said he was looking forward to good weather for Bayou Fest on October 20, 2018.

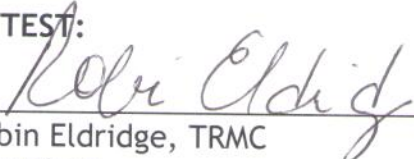
Mayor Hocking thanked all who participated in National Night Out. Wished all a great month of October.

(15) **ADJOURNMENT**

** Councilwoman Mc Auliffe made a motion to adjourn the Regular meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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


Bobby Hocking, Mayor

ATTEST:

Robin Eldridge, TRMC
City Clerk

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