

Grand Saline City Council

January 14, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and Councilmember Jason Ivy. Councilmember Kathy Smith was absent.

Invocation given by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Alesia Mayne, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Lisa Morrison, and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney and Laryssa Bonacquisti from Senator Bob Hall office.

Councilmember July Cato made motion to approve minutes of the December 10, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve financials as presented for December 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato. The motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made the motion to approve city of Grand Saline Fixed Assets Capitalization Policy. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-01: Concerning Overtime compensation for Law Enforcement Employed by the City Per Fair Labor Standard Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 207 (K), for Law Enforcement Officers Employed by the City Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-02: Implementing the overtime provisions contained in the Fair Labor Standards Act for non-exempt employees of the City. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-101: City of Grand Saline, Texas a General Election to be held on May 2, 2020 for the purpose of electing three City Council Members. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-102: Appointment of Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-103: Establishing (30) minute parking zones within the City of Grand Saline. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made the motion to approve Agreement for Professional Service between the City of Grand Saline and KSA Engineers, Inc. for Wastewater Treatment Plant TPDES Discharge Permit Renewal. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Revenue Stream Contract was tabled.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made the motion to accept the Grand Saline Police Department Racial Profiling Information for January, 2019-December, 2019. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made the motion to approve a special permit for FFA Chicken project. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

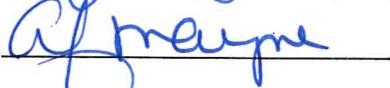
Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Alesia Mayne, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

February 11, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Lisa Morrison, and David Savage.

Others Present: Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made motion to approve minutes of the January 14, 2020 meeting. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve financials as presented for January 2020 with Asyst being contacted about reports reflecting Tex pool interest. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table City of Grand Saline audit. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-03: Street Closure on State Hwy. 110 for the Main Street Festival. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-04: City of Grand Saline establishing a Van Zandt News as a public newspaper of general circulation to be the official newspaper for the City of Grand Saline. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-104: City of Grand Saline Swimming Pool Operations for the 2020 Season. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to accept the Grand Saline Fire Marshal Racial Profiling report for January, 2019-December, 2019. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to approve the Letter of Agreement for use of Municipal Ball Playing Fields at the City Park. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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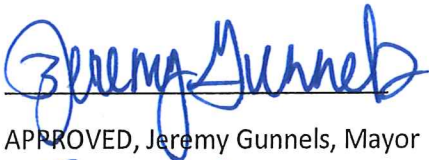
Tully Davidson presented information about the Bureau Veritas agreement. No action taken on Bureau Veritas agreement with the City.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made the motion to remove Casey Jordan from the City of Grand Saline's check account and add Lisa Morrison. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

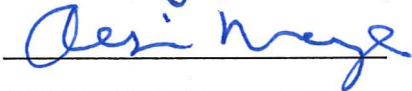
Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: Mayor Jeremy Gunnel thanked the Athena Club for the cookies. No future agenda items.

Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Alesia Mayne, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

March 19, 2020

Special Called 6:30 p.m.

A special called meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following present Mayor Jeremy Gunnels, Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Kathy Smith, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present:

Tully Davidson, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Mac Chandler and Lisa Morrison.

Others Present: Micah Lewis (GISD), Michelle Fite (Grand Saline Sun) and Kiki Bettis.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to approve minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made motion to approve financials for February 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Participation: Micah Lewis the Grand Saline ISD superintendent informed the Council of closure status of the school due to the Corona virus.

Councilmember July Cato made motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-05: The Local Government Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Ivy and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-105: Declaring unopposed Candidates in the May 2, 2020 General/Special City Election, Elected to Office; Canceling the Election. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made motion to approve Salt Museum – Correction Deed. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table the Departmental Reports. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. Personnel Matters to discuss employment of City Secretary position.

Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced Open Session at 8:57 p.m. Councilmember July Cato made motion to appoint Dana Clair as Grand Saline City Secretary. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and the motion carried unanimously.

No Council comments/future agenda items.

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Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made motion to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by July Cato and motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

ATTEST: City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

March 10, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Hollowell. Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Hollowell announced a quorum was not present with the following absent: Mayor Jeremy Gunnels, Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Employees present were Tully Davidson, John David Savage, and Lisa Morrison.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

ATTEST: Alesia Mayne, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

April 14, 2020

Virtual Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A virtual regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Jason Ivy was absent.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Michelle Fite - Grand Saline Sun, Molly Davidson, and Mike Ward.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table the March 2020 financials until the May 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell. The motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-06: Approval of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-106 – Appointment of Associate Municipal Court Judges. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the Order adopting Texas Governor Gregg Abbott's Executive Order GA-14. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve and accept the 2018-2019 Audit presented by Mike Ward. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve suspending credit card fees and waive late and administrative fees on water bills until further assessment by the City Council. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve EDC to donate \$10,000.00 toward Small Town Strong charitable organization – a re-investment fund for independently owned small businesses that have a store front in our community. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve EDC to spend \$6000.00 for a roof at 229 N. Main Street (Saltlickers). Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Jeremy Gunnels proclaimed and read the Main Street Historical Preservation Proclamation.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to accept bids presented by Tully Davidson for TWDB procurement, engineering, bond council, and financial advisor. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chief Jeremy Barker updated The Councilmembers on the K-9 For Cops Grant. No vote needed.

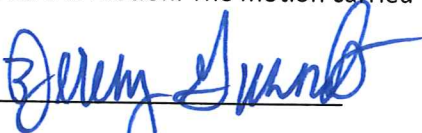
Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table discussion of the 2020 Pool season until the May 2020 meeting. Councilmember July Cato second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve adding Dana Clair, City Secretary, to be a signer on the City of Grand Saline's checking accounts and remove Alesia Mayne. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

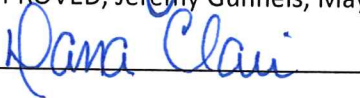
Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

May 12, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy and Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell was absent.

Invocation given by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Lisa Morrison, David Savage Jenny Sheeran and Parker Kindle.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato a motion to approve the March 2020 financials. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and the motion carried unanimously.

No-Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-08: Directing publication of notice of intention to issue combination tax and revenue certificates of obligation. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the Revenue Stream Contract. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the opening of the pool on May 30th 2020 for parties only and the 2020 season to open June 6, 2020 at fifty (50)% capacity to the public with June 6, 2020 designated as the pool free day. Council will re-visit operations on June 9, 2020. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

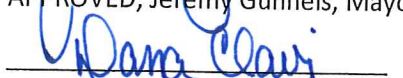
Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor


ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

June 9, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Jason Ivy was absent.

Invocation given by Jeremy Barker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney and Mirenda Harris – GrantWorks.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith a motion to approve the April 2020 financials. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato and the motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-07: Public Funds Investment Act. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09 Authorizing the award of professional service provider contracts for the 2020 Texas Community Development Block Grant Planning and Capacity Building Fund Project to GrantWorks. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-10 Authorizing the award of professional service provider contract for the 2020, Downtown/Main Street Revitalization Fund Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund to GrantWorks. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Tully Davidson request direction on Ordinance 2017-107, Art. 8, Sec. 23 FFA Projects. No action taken information only.

Tully Davidson advised Council of the 2020-2021 Budget Planning and Process calendar.

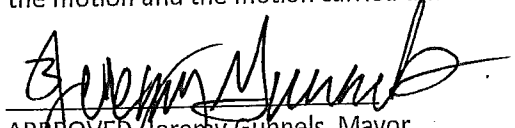
Mayor Jeremy Gunnels advised Council of procedures to be taken in future meetings regarding Code enforcement. No action needed.

Mayor Jeremy Gunnels advised Council that if there were any ordinances that need to be addressed to have it placed on the agenda. No action needed.

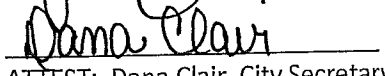
Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

June 22, 2020

Special Called Meeting 6:30 p.m.

A special called meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson and Dana Clair.


Others Present: Keith Payne – Grantworks

No Public Comments/Participation

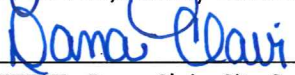
Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-11 – Rescinding administration service awarded to Grantworks for the 2020 Texas Capital Fund Downtown Fund Downtown Revitalization/Main Street fund of the Texas Community Development Block Grant program through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-12 to award professional service provider contract for the 2020 Texas Capital fund Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Fund project of the Texas Community Development Block Grant to Grantworks. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

July 7, 2020

Budget Workshop 6:00 p.m.

A budget workshop of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, and Lisa Morrison.

Others Present:

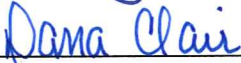
No Public Comments/Participation

Tully Davidson presented the 2020-2021 budget to the Council and ask for direction from the Council.

Workshop adjourn at 6:45 p.m.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

July 14, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, D’anne Carson – Government Capital and Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9 and 22, 2020 meeting. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith a motion to approve the May and June 2020 financials pending clarification on the water revenue/usage, Contractual payments to GSISD, City Sales Tax Revenue and Miscellaneous Income line item. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-13: Appointment of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried with Jason Ivy opposed.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-14: Appointment of the Main Street Advisory Board. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-16: Designating Dana Clair and Tully Davidson for the responsible for the calculation for the City’s no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter approval tax rate. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-17: Approving the execution and delivery of a Principal Forgiveness Agreement for sewer system improvements; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-18: Authorizing and directing establishment of two Construction Accounts and a Sinking Fund with depository bank pursuant to Bond Ordinance and Principal forgiveness agreement with the Texas Water Development board; appointing authorized signatories with respect to such accounts; and resolving other matters relating to the subject. Councilmember Kathy Smith second motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-107; Authorizing the issuance of City of Grand Saline, Texas combination tax and surplus revenue certificates of obligation to the Texas water development board. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.


Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve waving the lighting fees for the Grand Saline Youth Foundation for the 2020 baseball season. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No action taken on renting out City of Grand Saline Training Center.


Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

July 21, 2020

Budget Workshop 6:00 p.m.

A budget workshop of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, and Lisa Morrison.

Others Present:

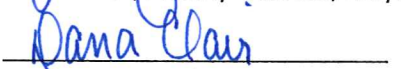
No Public Comments/Participation

Tully Davidson presented the 2020-2021 budget to the Council and ask for direction from the Council.

Workshop adjourn at 6:45 p.m.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

July 28, 2020

Budget Workshop 6:00 p.m.

A budget workshop of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Lisa Morrison, Jeremy Barker and David Savage.

Others Present:

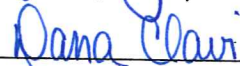
No Public Comments/Participation

Tully Davidson presented the 2020-2021 budget to the Council and ask for direction from the Council.

Workshop adjourn at 6:35 p.m.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

August 11, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by David Savage followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade, David Savage, Lisa Morrison, Destry Sills, Logan Craft, and Kelly Bryant.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Clay Richards – Grantworks, Ridge Tardy, Mrs. Sills and Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14 and 28, 2020 meeting. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No action taken July 2020 financials.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-21: Authorizing the filing of a Texas Department of Agriculture; and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's Participation in the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried with Jason Ivy opposed.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-22: Designating the main street area as slum and blight. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-23: Authorizing submission of a 2020 Main Street application, authorizing signatory and committing matching funds. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve adopt 0.910000 as the Proposed Tax Rate. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the Engagement letter for the 2019-2020 Audit by Mike Ward. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to end suspending credit card fees on water bills. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve charging a rental fee for use of The City Training Center Building; \$100.00 refundable deposit, \$100.00 fee per day, \$50.00 fee for half a day; \$100.00

refundable deposit for non-profit organizations; long term rental is to go before the Council.
Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Action taken on the Grand Saline Historic District/Mainstreet Overlay Zoning Zoning District

No Action taken on Council direction to City Secretary Dana Clair transferring money from Tex Pool.

No Action taken on Water Well.

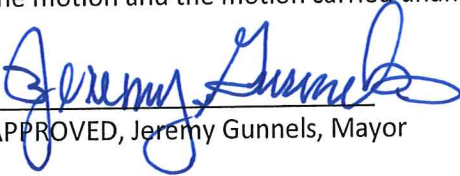
Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Executive Session: 8:45 p.m. Deliberations about Real Property – to discuss sale and the value of the City Lake.

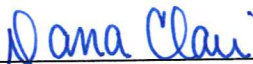
Open Session: 9:10 p.m. No Action taken on Executive Session

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: Water and Sewer Rates, Water Emergency disaster plan – Citizens Participation.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

August 25, 2020

Budget Workshop 6:30 p.m.

A budget workshop of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell.

Invocation given by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Tammy Weidman, and David Savage.

Others Present:

No Public Comments/Participation

Tully Davidson presented the 2020-2021 budget to the Council. Council reviewed and discussed the budget, then directed Tully Davidson to place it on the September 8, 2020 Council meeting agenda.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

September 8, 2020

Budget Public Hearing 6:45 p.m.

A Budget Public Hearing of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Council present was Mayor Jeremy Gunnels, Councilmember July Cato and Councilmember Kathy Smith.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, and Beverley Pearson.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun, Ridge Tardy

No Public present for comments/discussion.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

September 8, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

Invocation given by Jason Ivy followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade, Lisa Morrison and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Michelle Fite – Grand Saline Sun, David Cox, Ridge Tardy and Jim Lea.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020, August 11, 2020 and August 25, 2020 meetings. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith a motion to approve the July 2020 financials with corrections to the first five line items and Debt service. Councilmember Jason Ivy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-108 – Adopt the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried with Jason Ivy opposed.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-109 – Adopt the tax rate of \$.91000. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-110 Personnel Policy with the additional verbiage added to the overtime section pertaining to a holiday week . Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-15 – Appointment of directors for two year terms to serve on the Economic Development Board. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-24: Approving a finance contract between the City of Grand Saline and Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of financing "Vehicles and Equipment. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to appoint David Cox to fill an unexpired term until May 2021 election. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to appoint Ridge Tardy to fill an unexpired term until May 2021 election. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell sustaining.

Ridge Tardy was sworn in by Judge Beverley Pearson.

Council discussed Sanitation Solutions Increase in rates. No Action taken.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve the 2020 Goody Trail/Trunk Treat on October 31, 2020 with Covid recommendations implemented. Councilmember Kathy Smith second the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell against.

No Action taken on Insurance Discussion.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Mr. Fees to do an appraisal of the City Lake for \$8500.00. Councilmember July Cato second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No action taken on Water and Sewer rates.


Council requested a workshop on the implementation of "Emergency Communication Protocols".

City attorney Blake Armstrong updated the City Council Members on the Museum.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: No comments or future agenda items.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.


APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor


ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

September 22, 2020

Budget Workshop 6:00 p.m.

A budget workshop of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Kathy Smith, Councilmember Ridge Tardy and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell. Councilmember Jason Ivy was absent.

City Staff Present: Dana Clair and Beverley Pearson

Others Present: Brian Cook – FundView via Zoom

No Public Comments/Participation

Brian Cook presented the FundView computer program to the Council and answered questions from the Council.

Workshop adjourn at 7:10 p.m.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

September 22, 2020

Special Called Meeting 7:10 p.m.

A special called meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell and Councilmember Ridge Tardy. Councilmember Jason Ivy was absent.

Invocation and pledge of allegiance to the American and Texas Flags was led by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels.

Staff Present: Dana Clair and Beverley Pearson

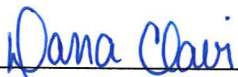
Others Present:

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-111 to amend the 2019-2020 budget to purchase computer software for City Hall in the amount of \$63,500.00. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor

ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council
October 13, 2020
Regular Meeting 7:00 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell was absent.

Invocation was given by Chad LaPrade followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas Flags.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad LaPrade, and David Savage

Others Present: Dustin Mason, Parker Mason and Michelle Fite with the Grand Saline Sun

Council Member July Cato made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2020 meeting and the Special Called Meeting on September 22, 2020. Councilmember Kathy Smith 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table the financials until the November meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-26- Street Closures for the Goody Trail/Trunk or Treat on October 31, 2020. Councilmember Ridge Tardy 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-27- Authorizing the filing of grant application with East Texas Council of Government for a Solid Waste Grant (City Clean-Up). Councilmember Jason Ivy 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-28- Authorizing the filing of grant application with East Texas Council of Governments for a solid Waste Waste Grant (Litter Abatement Officer). Councilmember Kathy Smith 2nd the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember July Cato abstaining.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table Ordinance 2019-112 -Permit and Inspection fees until November 10, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table discussion of reimbursement for plumber's fees until November 10, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy 2nd motion and motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to add Beverley Pearson as a signer on the City of Grand Saline's Checking Accounts* and to remove Lisa Morrison as a signer. Councilmember Jason Ivy 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No action taken on development of a parks board.

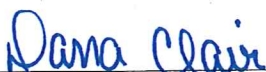
Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the 2020 Salt City Open House on November 21,2020. Ridge Tardy 2nd the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve the 2020 Salt City Christmas on December 5, 2020. Councilmember Kathy Smith 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Councilmember Jason Ivy 2nd the motion and the motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Mary Jane Hollowell, Mayor Pro-Tem



ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary



Grand Saline City Council

November 10, 2020

Regular Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Hollowell. Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Hollowell announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Kathy Smith. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels was absent.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Logan Craft, and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the financials will be presented at a later date.

No Public Comments/Participation

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-113 Approve and adopt the Van Zandt County Appraisal 2020 tax roll. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-114 “Adopting a Parks and Recreational Board” with the stipulations that board members will be appointed by the City Council and the Board members will be required to take the “Texas Open Meetings Act” training. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-115 Approve the adoption of Ordinance declaring offensive odors to be a nuisance; providing a severability clause; provide a penalty clause; and providing an effective date. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-116 Budget Amendment-Gun Range Improvements. Approval of Ordinance 2020-116 died from lack of a second motion

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table Ordinance 2020-117 Amendment of the City’s Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11; Taxation until the December 8, 2020 Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-118 Southwestern Electric Power Company; existing electric rates and charges within the City to remain in effect. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-119 Electing to have the Public Utility commission of Texas exercise exclusive original jurisdiction over electric utility rates, operations, and services. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-105, amendments 2017-111, 2019-108, 2019-112 Building and Inspections Fees. Tabled until December 8, Council Meeting.

Councilmember Jason Ivy made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-29 suspending the effective date for 90 days in connection with the rate increase by Southwestern Electric Power Company. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator, Tully Davidson advised Council that he has received one bid for the construction of new restrooms at the Park. Councilmember July Cato made a motion to have City Administrator, Tully Davidson run ads in additional newspapers. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to accept the bid by Aspire Roofing to replace the roof at the Grand Saline Public Library. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember July Cato made a motion to temporarily suspend credit card fees until the March 2021 Council Meeting. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator, Tully Davidson updated the Council on the appraisal of City Lake. Appraisal has not been completed at this time.

Councilmember Kathy Smith mad a motion to transfer the title from the City to the EDC for the Grand Saline Salt Museum building. This transfer of title will expedite the process of receiving grant funds. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Works Director, David Savage updated Council on the land and well purchasing.

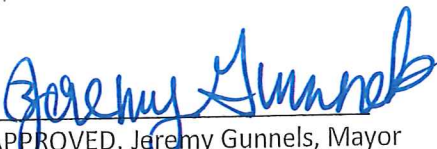
Public Works Director, David Savage updated Council on the Hwy 110 water line. A section of this line has been removed and will be replace at a future time.

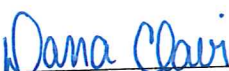
City Administrator, Tully Davidson updated Council on "Emergency Response Notification Procedures" workshop. A workshop will be scheduled after the first of the year.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Council comments/Future Agenda Items: Amend Animal Control Penalty Ordinances

Councilmember July Cato made motion to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.


APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor


ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

CITY OF GRAND SALINE

November 12, 2020

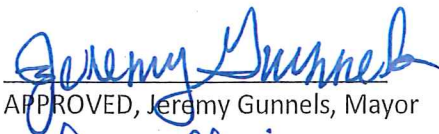
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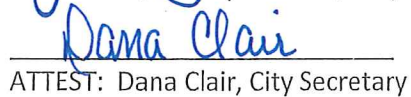
A SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Hollowell. Mayor Pro Tem Mary Jane Hollowell announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Kathy Smith. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels was absent as well as Councilmember July Cato, and Councilmember Jason Ivy.

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair

Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to close City Hall to the public and give City Administrator, Tully Davidson the leeway to close other departments as needed due to the health and safety concerns of the COVID-19 virus. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kathy Smith. Motion carried unanimously. The closure of City Hall will start Monday, November 16th and continue to be closed until January 13, 2021.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to adjourn at 4:08 p.m. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


APPROVED, Jeremy Gunnels, Mayor


ATTEST: Dana Clair, City Secretary

Grand Saline City Council

December 8, 2020

Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Jeremy Gunnels. Mayor Jeremy Gunnels announced a quorum was present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell, Councilmember Ridge Tardy and Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Jason Ivy was absent.

Invocation given by Tully Davidson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2020 and November 12, 2020 meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember July Cato and motion carried unanimously.

No financials presented to Council.

No Public Comments/Participation

City Staff Present: Tully Davidson, Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Tammy Weidman, Chad Laprade and David Savage.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong – City Attorney, Dawn Brinson - Brinson Benefits, Ricky Haisten - Centerpoint, Mark Robinson - Swepco

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve the increase on Telemedicine, Health Savings Account City contribution of \$1000.00 plus the \$150.00 exposure as needed, to use navigator for the one year free service, renew all other services as stated and to accept the insurance bid from TML. Councilmember Ridge Tardy second the motion and the motion carried with Councilmember Kathy Smith against.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-121 amending Ordinance 2017-107; Article 2. Administrative and Enforcement; Section 4 Warnings and Citations; Penalties; Records. Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

No Action taken on Ordinance 2020-114 Parks and Recreation Board-Appoint Board Members.

Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-120 Amendment of Ordinance 2020-114. Remove Section II. A. "All meetings of the Board shall be subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act, and all legal requirements found pursuant to the Act. Councilmember Ridge Tardy second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-117 Amendment of the City's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11; Taxation. Councilmember July Cato second motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember Mary Jane Hollowell made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-30: Approve Request by First United Methodist Church to close North Main Street between O'Hara and Jordan Streets on Saturday December 12, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday December 13, 2020