

**Grand Saline City Council
Regular Meeting
March 08, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Don Yarbrough with the following members present:

Don Yarbrough, Mayor
Steve Sikes, Councilman/Mayor Protem
Casey Jordan, Councilman
Amy Daniels, Councilwoman
Chris Barker, Councilman

Absent: Richard Williams

City Staff present:

Rex White, City Manager
Alesia Mayne, City Secretary
Gene Putman, Director of Public Works
Justin Collins, Chief of Police
Tully Davidson, Fire Marshall
Beverly Pearson, Judge
Dianna Reich, Code Officer
Jason Burns, Sergeant
Eric Doering, Corporal
David Lucas, Patrol
Robynne Fedrick, Patrol
Santos Rodriguez, Patrol
Ryan Johnson, Patrol

Others present:

Angie Yarbrough, Naomi Gardner, Marian Gardner, Laura Davis, Nick Hailey, Wendy Smith, Gertie Banner, Tricia Carver, Eric Carver, Halee Daniel, Delton Graves V, Christy Aoussat, Sandy Taylor, Tia Collins, Sky Cates, Mike Johnson, Amber Johnson, Betty Craddock, Jaron Cude, Larry Taylor, McKenzie Chandler, Ethan Joslin, Vy Malcik, Bert R. Fite, Larry Taylor

Prayer was given by Gene Putman followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Councilwoman Amy Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steve Sikes and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Amy Daniels made a motion to approve financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steve Sikes and carried unanimously.

Nick Hailey commented on the stop sign at the corner of Saline and Hill.

Naomi Gardner commented on the dilapidated houses and property within the city.

Marian Gardner commented on the quality of water and keeping it safe, raising rates if necessary.

Larry Taylor commented on the community getting involved and working together to improve the town.

Judge Beverly Pearson administered the oath of office to Michael Ryan Johnson and Delton Graves V. Michael Ryan Johnson was pinned by his father and Chief Collins presented Delton Graves V. with his badge. Officer Johnson is the new full time officer for the department and Officer Graves will be a reserve officer for the department.

Gene Putman presented a plaque for Bobby Phillips 36 years of service to the city.

Chief Justin Collins addressed the council. He told the council of the importance of being involved in the community, communication between citizens and council, education on issues facing the city, putting aside personal issues and working with the staff and community to bring about change and to improve the quality of life in Grand Saline. He said that he had spoken to several different groups in the community. Two main issues noted were the drug problem facing our city and teenagers not having anything to do. He plans on having public meetings starting in April for open discussion of ideas to improve the city.

No motion was made on removing the stop sign at the intersection of Hill St. and Saline St.

Departmental reports were given.

No future agenda items were discussed.

With no further business, Councilwoman Amy Daniels made a motion at 9:45 pm to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steve Sikes and carried unanimously.

APPROVED: _____
Don Yarbrough, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Alesia Mayne, City Secretary