

**Grand Saline City Council
May 9, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes
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. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember July Cato, Councilmember Ridge Tardy, Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Jennifer Henderson and Councilmember Kathy Smith.

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

City staff present – Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Logan Craft, Mary Corrales, Destry Sills, Christian Barajas, Taylor Morgan, McKenzie Chandler, Jessica Garza and Brandi Collier.

Others Present: Nick Haley, Nikki Rowan, Benjamin Morrell, Yvonne Trent, Jan Adamson, Catrennia Williamson, Tammy Chitty, Leah Erwin, Taylor Chitty, Bert Fite and Dustin Mason.

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for April 11, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for December 2022, January 2023, February 2023 and March 2023 – Councilmember Ridge Tardy made a motion to approve the financials for December 2022, January 2023, February 2023 and March 2023. Councilmember Jennifer Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Councilmember Jason Ivy, Councilmember Ridge Tardy and Councilmember Jennifer Henderson for with Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember July Cato against.

City Administrator Report: Dana presented invoices to the Council that was requested from Councilmember Kathy Smith. She also presented Councilmembers Jason Ivy and Jennifer Henderson along with Mayor Jeremy Gunnels plaques in appreciation for their service.

Public Participation – Councilmember Kathy Smith presented letters to the Council from Paul J Korkames regarding his property he owns in Grand Saline. Mr. Korkames is requesting to be on a future agenda.

Resolution 2023-11 – Establish Public Newspaper for the City of Grand Saline – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11 designating the Grand Saline Sun to be the official newspaper for the City of Grand Saline. Councilmember Ridge Tardy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-12- Canvass the Votes of the City of Grand Saline May 6, 2023 General Election – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12



canvassing the Votes of the Grand Saline May 6, 2023 General Election. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss and take action as necessary on Budget Amendments requested by Councilmember Kathy Smith – Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made a motion to approve the budget amendments requested by Councilmember Kathy Smith. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss with Ben Morrell and take action as necessary on drainage issue and parking lot at the Richland Heights Baptist Church – No Action Taken

Discuss and take action as necessary pertaining to placing Nick Haley's appeal on a future agenda – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion for Nick Haley's appeal to be place on the Special Called meeting for May 16, 2023 and to be heard by the present Council members. Councilmember July Cato seconded the motion. Motion carried. Councilmember Kathy Smith, Jennifer Henderson and July Cato for and Councilmembers Ridge Tardy and Jason Ivy against.

Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.

Executive Session: 7:48 p.m.


Open Session: 8:11 p.m.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Paul Korkames pertaining to Ordinance violations and schedule a meeting with Ben Morrell of the Richland Heights Baptist Church.

Adjourn: Councilmember Jennifer Henderson made motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Councilmember Jason Ivy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor



ATTEST: Beverley Pearson, City Secretary

