

Grand Saline City Council
September 19, 2023
2023-2024 Budget Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes
6:00 P.M.

A Budget/Tax Rate Public hearing of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Mayor Ridge Tardy. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember Brandi Morris, Councilmember Leah Lamb, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Aaron Miller. Councilmember July Cato was absent.

Mr. Doug Snodgrass spoke to Council about his concerns of the tax rate and budget.

Closed Public Hearing at 6:11 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Grand Saline City Council was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor Ridge Tardy. The Mayor announced a quorum present with the following: Councilmember Brandi Morris, Councilmember Leah Lamb, Councilmember Kathy Smith and Councilmember Aaron Miller. Councilmember July Cato was absent.

Invocation given by Jeremy Barker followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Texas flag. Moment of silence held in honor Chief Hammonds with Edgewood Police Department.

City staff present – Dana Clair, Beverley Pearson, Jeremy Barker, Logan Craft, Mary Corrales, Destry Sills, Christian Barajas, Brandi Collier, Raymond Gomes Jr, Teri Everitt, Taylor, Dylan Bettinger and Bert Fite.

Others Present: Blake Armstrong, Sharon Presswood, Ruth Savage, Jan Adamson, Doug Roszhart, Yvonne Trent, David Cox, Scott Snodgrass, Kyle Thompson, Micah Lewis, and Micah Lowe,

Approve minutes of previous meetings – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for August 15, 2023 Council Meeting. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve financials for August 2023 – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the financials for August 2023 and that Kathy Smith and Beverley Pearson will look at September 2023 financials for any adjustments that might need to be made to close out the 2022-2023 budget. Councilmember Aaron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Report: Dana reported that the sewer grant is about to get started, the City has applied for a lost title on the truck that was in the auction, fall cleanup will be November 2, 2023 thru November 4, 2023.

Public Participation – Doug Roszhart introduced himself and announced he was running for State Representative.



Ordinance No. 2023-121 Approve and Adopt the City of Grand Saline's 2023-2024 Budget Council went to Executive Session: 7:10 p.m. under Government Code 551.071 Open Session: 7:27 p.m. Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to take no action on Ordinance No 2023-121. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No 2023-120 Approve and Adopt 2023-2024 Tax Rate of \$0.710000/100 – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to table Ordinance No 2023-120. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No 2023-122 Amend Ordinance No. 2019-117 School Zone traffic routing – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-122. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No 2023-123 Approve property tax exemption for Over 65 in the amount of \$3000.00 and tax exemption for the disable in the amount of \$3000.00. Either a disability or over 65 exemption may be claimed, but not both – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No 2023-123. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2023-118 Amen Ordinance No. 2016-117 – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2023-118 with removing the wording Exhibit A and replacing with a \$2.00 increase across the board. Councilmember Aaron Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No 2023-18 - Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-18. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve and Adopt the Economic Development 2023-2024 Budget – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to approve the Economic Development 2023-202 Budget. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Open bids on a 2023 Gradall XL 3100v2X4 for Public Works – Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to purchase the Gradall at the ten year financing on or after October 1, 2023. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Logan Craft to purchase a Kbota MX5400DT – 54 hp 4wd Tractor with the auction monies collected from selling used equipment - Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to purchase a Kubota tractor from Lowe Tractor & Equipment with a ten year warranty. Councilmember Kathy Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss the need to revise Chapter 10 Subdivision Regulation and Exhibit 10A Subdivision Ordinance – Council directed Dana Clair to get some sample ordinances. Departmental reports were given by the Department Heads.



Discuss in-house training on the Open Meeting Act, Public Information Act, and Ethics and Integrity for all Council members and Management Staff - Directed Dana Clair to reach out for suggestions.

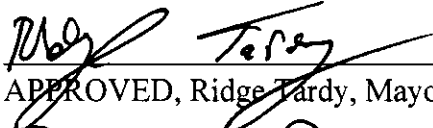
Discuss starting the bid process on the sewer line project – CLRF (Covid Grant) – Councilmember Kathy Smith made a motion to began the bid process. Councilmember Leah Erwin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session: The Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071 to discuss Main Street Grant Project 7220152 –
Executive Session: 8:47 p.m. Open Session: 9:08 p.m.
Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to pay for replacing the railing put in place from the Main Street Grant Project 7220152. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

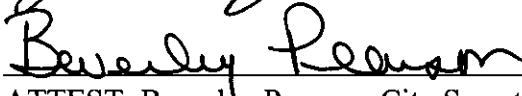
Executive Session: The Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.074 and 551.074 to discuss days and hours of operation of the Salt Palace – Council did not convene into Executive Session. Councilmember Leah Erwin made a motion to change days and hours of operation to Monday thru Saturday, 10:00 a.m.to 4:00 p.m. beginning October 1, 2023 with staff falling under and reporting to the City Secretary. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Comment/Future Agenda Items: Appoint Library Board members. Speed limit signs in the School Zones.

Adjourn: Councilmember Leah Erwin made motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Councilmember Brandi Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.



APPROVED, Ridge Tardy, Mayor



ATTEST: Beverly Pearson, City Secretary



