

The Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2013 was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MAYOR

Ron Reinhard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Laurie Hawkins

Chief David Bejar

Rodolfo Ornelas

Chris Mikel

Jesse Ambriz

Susan Beavin

David Luna

Don Reddout

Raymond Trevino

Madeline McCloskey

Murry Hughey

James Henry Frazar

COUNCILMEMBERS

Don Nettle

Jennifer Nottingham - Absent

Mitch Thornton - Absent

Lynn Tiner

Jeff Waldrop

A quorum was declared. Mayor Reinhard stated Councilmember Nottingham and Councilmember Thornton would not be present this evening.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 22, 2013 Regular Council Meeting were reviewed. The motion to approve the October 22, 2013 minutes as presented was made by Councilmember Nettle, seconded by Councilmember Tiner and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

None.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS/FINANCIAL REPORTS

The monthly financials were reviewed. Mayor Reinhard stated the Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss are through November. The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual's are current and to date. We are running close to where we should be at three months into the budget. Salaries seem to be high but there were three payrolls in November so it's appropriate and will be where it needs to be as the year goes on. Mayor Reinhard stated he's consulted with Laurie Hawkins to identify hazardous trees and low hanging canopy throughout the City. During the month of December, the City has hired contract work in conjunction with Public Works to remove the identified hazardous trees and trim the low hanging canopy. Mayor Reinhard thanked Laurie Hawkins for her time and support.

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the Madla Board had a work day a couple of months ago and the park was cleaned up very nice. The cottage was renovated and is now useable. They are working with GFU to get electric to the pavilion. Development work continues at the park and he would like to thank the Madla Board for their hard work.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

Chief Bejar reviewed the October and November 2013 Monthly Activity Reports. An AED Unit was purchased as budgeted and is out on the street with the officers on patrol. Chief Bejar stated they met with Bexar County on placement of the flood gates. It's coming along as planned and they hope to have them installed by the end of January. Chief Bejar stated they had a theft in November. The officer that investigated the case did a great job locating the individual that stole the items and he was arrested. They found most of the stolen items and they were returned to the owner. Don Reddout stated he's familiar with this situation and the Police Department did an excellent job. Chief Bejar stated they had another burglary last week where a house was broken into. They are actively working the case but haven't recovered the stolen items as quickly as the first case mostly due to having problems with having no serial

numbers on the stolen items. Chief Bejar stated he would like to remind everyone to lock their doors and keep serial numbers when possible. Chief Bejar introduced to Council new Police Reserve Officers; Rodolfo Ornelas, Jessie Ambriz, David Luna and Raymond Trevino. They will be covering monthly shifts and assist in increasing visibility during the day over the holidays. Mayor Reinhard thanked the new officers for serving the City.

PUBLIC WORKS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Mikel reviewed the October and November Monthly Activity Reports. Public Works continues to work on roadwork maintenance, upkeep of the City/Madla Park, tree trimming, mowing, weed eating and animal control. Mayor Reinhard stated one of the students who helped Public Works over the summer is back for a couple weeks working during the Christmas holidays. In addition, an individual named Kirk with a lot of tree maintenance experience is supporting Public Works and their activities a couple days a week.

GFU UTILITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard stated the utility continues to do very well. The cold weather helps the utility which is the primary source of income for the City.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Don Reddout reviewed the October and November Fire Department Reports. There were two calls in October; one EMS and one assist the public. The report shows fire but it was assisting the public on a lockout. As mentioned in the past, their program has no designation for this. There were three calls in November; all EMS.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS AND ACT ON MAKING A PLAN FOR REVIEW OF ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 45B

Mayor Reinhard stated over the past year or so, City Council worked on review of the Animal Ordinance which was finalized in September. They looked at what was good/bad in the existing ordinance, what the citizens wanted and what they felt was reasonable for all. Mayor Reinhard stated his intention is to do the same review of Zoning Ordinance No. 45B. The ordinance was last updated in 2004. He would like to look at what's good in the ordinance and where it could be improved. The City has received several requests for variances and would like to look at some of those restrictions. Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to look at having several workshops as was done with the Animal Ordinance. They are all open meetings. The review will also include the responses received from the Citizen Questionnaire back in the summer of 2011. Councilmember Waldrop stated he's glad we're putting this on the table for discussion. Mayor Reinhard stated he would like to get through the holidays and start review of this ordinance in the January/February time frame. It was Council's consensus to look at tentatively scheduling a workshop for Tuesday, January 14th and if that doesn't work, the beginning of February.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no further discussion. Mayor Reinhard adjourned the Regular Council Meeting at 6:59 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shannan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 28th day of January, 2014.

Signed: Ronald G. Reinhard
Ronald G. Reinhard, Mayor