

**MINUTES
CITY OF GREY FOREST
18249 SHERWOOD TRAIL
HELOTES, TX 78023
NOVEMBER 10, 2020 – 6:30 PM**

The Regular City Council meeting of November 10, 2020

City Council Present:

Mayor Charles M. Thornton, Mayor Pro Tem Susan Darst, Council Member Jennifer Nottingham, Council Member Geri Poss, Council Member Sean Skaggs, and Council Member Kimberly Verity.

Staff Present:

Rene Rodriguez, City Attorney Ryan S Henry and Asst. City Attorney Sonja Herrera

Registered/Recognized Citizens/Guests:

Mandie Waldrop, Bob Gehrke, and James Swisher

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the City Council to order at 6:30 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Thornton declared a quorum with all Council present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The meeting was started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS- NONE

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS / MAYOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES - NONE

MAYOR ANNOUNCMENTS – NONE

COUNCIL/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

Receive update from the Mayor's Road Advisory Committee – Council Member Nottingham. Council Member Nottingham reminded the City Council of the upcoming report from the Road Advisory Committee, scheduled for November 18, 2020.

GREY FOREST COMMUNITY BOARD (GFCB) UPDATE- Chairperson Madeline McCloskey or Designee.

Council Member Skaggs reported that the GFCB is still reviewing plans for playground equipment and will be reporting back to Council with information at a later date.

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA NATURAL AREA UPDATE -Update Councilmember Nottingham.

Council Member Nottingham informed the City Council that following the mailing of the postcards, revenue has been received. They are considering issuing permits for photo shoots in the park, to control the use of the park.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT UPDATE – NONE

POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Chief Rodriguez briefed the City Council on the recent activity of the Police Department.

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT – NONE

GFU ANNOUNCEMENTS – OPERATIONS UPDATE - NONE

FIRE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

It was reported that the Fire Department has achieved a new ISO rating of 2. The previous rating was at 6. This is beneficial to the homeowners for the purpose of insurance coverage.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discuss legal strategy and options related to pending litigation between the City of Grey Forest and Shannan Kinsley, Cause No. 2020-CI-20821, pursuant to Texas Government Code Sec. 55.071 (Consultation with Legal Counsel).

Mayor Thornton called the City Council into Executive Session at 6:41 pm.

The Mayor reconvened into Open Session at 7:17 pm.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

**Approval of Minutes: September 22, 2020, Regular City Council Session
September 28, 2020, Special City Council Session Monthly
Financials- None**

CONSIDER RESOLUTION NO. 2020-22; A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA S ZARTLER TO SERVE AS INTERIM CITY SECRETARY.

CONSIDER ORD. NO. 2020-247; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 13.05 SOLID WASTE, CHAPTER 13 OF THE GREY FOREST CODE OF ORDINANCES.

Council Member Nottingham requested the Minutes of the September 22, 2020 City Council Session be pulled from the agenda.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

Council Member Nottingham discussed the use of cell phones under the section of Unfinished Business Ord. 239 as recorded in the Minutes of September 22, 2020

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 AS WRITTEN. COUNCIL MEMBER DARST SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RES. NO. 2020-23; A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE STATUS OF THE CITY SECRETARY POSITION.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SKAGGGS TO APPROVE RES. NO 2020-23; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST CITY COUNCIL .

MAYOR THORNTON CALLED FOR A RECORDED VOTE: MAYOR PRO TEM DARST, YEA, COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM, YEA; COUNCIL MEMBER POSS, YEA; COUNCIL MEMBER SKAGGS, YEA,; AND COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY, YEA. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE.

City Attorney Ryan Henry commented on the proposed Sign Ordinance. Council members expressed concern that the Sign Ordinance may be viewed as a violation of first amendment rights. Council was asked to continue to review the proposed ordinance, and provide comments/ recommendations to the City Attorney.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TO TABLE THE PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE UNTIL THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED 5-0.

DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION ON RES. NO. 2020-24; Discuss and take possible action on Resolution No. 2020-24; A Resolution amending the City of Grey Forest Policies, Procedures, and Rules of Order for City Council Meetings.

Asst. City Attorney Herrera briefed the City Council on the proposed update to the Policies, Procedures, and Rules of Order. The Council discussed with a new city website allowing citizens comments to be submitted to the City Secretary and then posted online for transparency.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY TO APPROVE RES. NO. 2020- 24(R); A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF GREY FOREST POLICIES, PRODCEDURES AND RULES OF ORDER FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. COUNCIL MEMBER POSS SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCIL VOTED 5-0. MOTION PASSED.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

X. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED

Council Member Verity would like to address small cell node overlaying.

XI. ADJOURNMENT Mayor Thornton closed the City Council meeting at 9:30 PM.

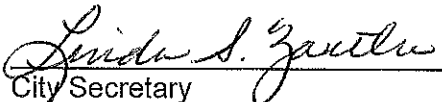
These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 26 day of January, 2021.

APPROVED:



Charles M. Thornton

ATTEST:



Linda S. Zentler
City Secretary