

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS
GREY FOREST COMMUNITY CENTER
18249 SHERWOOD TRAIL
HELOTES, TX 78023
August 24, 2021, 6:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thornton called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: City Secretary Miguel Cantu, Chief of Police Rene Rodriguez, and SGT Scott Ristow

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Mayor Thornton opened the floor for presentations by citizens and visitors. No presentations.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS / MAYOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES

a) Mayor Announcements

1) Financials

Mayor Thornton presented the future financials and July 2021 Check Details. Additionally, the Mayor announced that the guardrails for mailboxes should be completed by the end of August.

b) Council/Staff Announcements: None

c) Committee Announcements/Reports: None

d) Grey Forest Community Board Update: None

e) Senator Frank L. Madla Natural Area Update: Mayor Thornton called on Council Member Jennifer Nottingham. Council Member Nottingham thanked a volunteer for pulling Johnson grass and sunflowers at Madla Park. She added they were working on their fundraiser.

f) Board of Adjustment Update: Mayor Thornton called on City Secretary Miguel Cantu. Mr. Cantu reported that Board of Adjustments granted a variance to Mr. Michael Phillips, 18418 Hilltop Drive.

g) Police Department Monthly Report: Mayor Thornton called on Chief Rene Rodriguez. Chief Rodriguez reviewed the Police Department Monthly Report for July 2021.

h) Public Works Monthly Report: None

i) Fire Department Monthly Report: Mayor Thornton called on ESD#8 Facilities Manager Mr. Don Reddout. Mr. Reddout provided a report for City Council's review.

j) Grey Forest Utilities Update: CEO of Grey Forest Utilities Jeff English reported that Grey Forest Utilities was doing well.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

a) None

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED AT ANY TIME DURING THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of Minutes: July 27, 2021 Regular Meeting

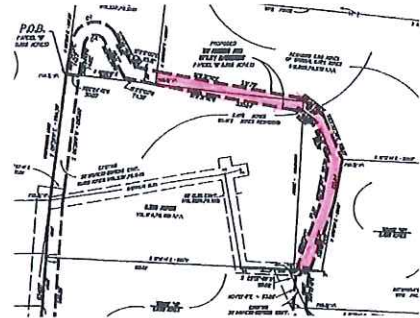
MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2021. MAYOR PRO TEM POSS SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCIL VOTED 5-0.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and take possible action on the release of utility easement located on James & Debbie Swisher (BCAD property ID # 249307), Glen W. Vernon & Denise G. Vernon (BCAD property ID # 249306, 249302, and 249303) and Christy Knight (BCAD property ID #249305).

*For reference only, a snip of the easement has been provided.

Mayor Thornton stated there was an easement located near Requa Road that was no longer needed and the property owners have requested the return of the easement. The easement is located on properties identified from the current Bexar County Appraisal District's website to include James & Debbie Swisher (BCAD property ID # 249307), Glen W. Vernon & Denise G. Vernon (BCAD property ID # 249306, 249302, and 249303) and Christy Knight (BCAD property ID #249305).



Mayor Thornton provided a letter from CEO of Grey Forest Utilities Jeff English noting: *According to my staff, the easement was originally intended to be used for a street for additional access to the wells and perhaps to facilitate development in the future. We have no plans to use it. There is a separate recorded easement that has a water line near to this easement that we don't want disturbed and that is not in conflict with the easement in question.*

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER SKAGGS TO RELEASE THE UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON JAMES & DEBBIE SWISHER (BCAD PROPERTY ID # 249307), GLEN W. VERNON & DENISE G. VERNON (BCAD PROPERTY ID # 249306, 249302, AND 249303) AND CHRISTY KNIGHT (BCAD PROPERTY ID #249305). MAYOR PRO TEM POSS SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCIL VOTED 4-0-1. COUNCIL MEMBER VERITY ABSTAINED.

b) Discuss and take possible action on appointment of Ron Reinhard to the Grey Forest Utilities Board of Trustees.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DARST ON THE APPOINTMENT OF RON REINHARD TO THE GREY FOREST UTILITIES BOARD OF TRUSTEES. MAYOR PRO TEM POSS SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCIL VOTED 5-0.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) None

XI. GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUESTED

a) None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER NOTTINGHAM TO ADJOURN AT 6:50 P.M.
COUNCIL MEMBER SKAGGS SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCIL VOTED 5-0.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 28TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021.

APPROVED:



Charles Mitchell Thornton, Jr.

ATTEST:



Miguel Cantu, TRMC
City Secretary

