

10/25/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Bell called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Keith Bell, Mayor Pro Tem Joe Compian, and Councilmember Kimberley Yancy were present in person, with Councilmember Casey McAuliffe attending virtually from 4101 Main St. La Marque, TX 77568.

Councilmember Michael Carlson was not in attendance.

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Yancy gave the invocation and veteran resident Jackie Pennington led the pledge.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

David Pennington (924 Cypress), asked to speak on item 5.5. there is no documentation for this agenda, what was the total amount of the initial liens, and what is the history of the property. Council could be setting a precedence, and should reconsider. He is against this Resolution.

5. RESOLUTIONS- CONSENT

**Mayor Pro Tem pulled items 5.III, 5.IV, and 5.V for discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items 5.I and 5.II . Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.I. Resolution No. R-2022-0087

***Passed via consent.*

5.II. Resolution No. R-2022-0088

***Passed via consent.*

5.III. Resolution No. R-2022-0089

***Pulled for discussion by Mayor Pro Tem Compian*

Mayor Bell clarified that the funding that is being discussed here is separate from the ARPA funding. It was clarified that these are in preparation for Mitigation Disaster Funds allocated to the city as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Mayor Pro Tem Compian explained the process a little further. City Manager Garcia made mention of a miscalculation that occurred in initial scoring totals, a memo and updated score sheets have been made available to the Council and a copy is available for the public to view.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-0089. Councilmember Yancy seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.IV. Resolution No. R-2022-0090

*** Pulled for discussion by Mayor Pro Tem Compian*

Mayor Pro Tem Compian noted the abundance of response to this request and made a motion to approve Resolution No. R-2022-0090. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5.V. Resolution No. R-2022-0091

***Pulled for discussion by Mayor Pro Tem Compian*

Development Services Director Kathleen Van Stavern and Interim Code Compliance Supervisor Michael Phillips were asked to the podium to assist with this item. Mayor Bell asked for clarification on the timeline of this item. It was identified that the initial amount was approximately 38,000 across multiple lots. The reduction is due to the City not being able to locate some of the supporting documentation regarding liens placed previously. Interim Code Supervisor Phillips wanted the Council to know this is a case that has been ongoing for 40 years. For public knowledge, to submit liens now, additional backup documentation is submitted to the County along with the filing of the lien.

Development Services Director Van Stavern clarified the process of how a property ends up on the mowing lien list,

Mayor Bell and Councilmember McAuliffe both shared feelings of wanting to implement a program and precedence before passing this resolution.

***Councilmember McAuliffe exited the meeting at 4:45 p.m.*

Mayor Pro Tem Compian shared his sentiments on how situations such as this can be avoided, and how to provide resources to the community to assist in property heirship.

Mayor Bell suggested that this item be tabled and brought back in the form of a policy. Councilmember Yancy questioned what can be done to prevent another case being opened for 40 years, as it is "excessive".

Mayor Pro Tem Compian made a motion to table this item to be brought back at the November Council Meeting. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.I. Texas Community Development Block Grant Services

It was clarified that these items are brought to Council for approval due to the potential requirement for matching funds. Public Works Director Rick Sailer gave some possible projects these grant funds can be utilized for such as parks, water, sanitary, and storm system projects.

It was clarified that the reason this item has been brought to Council is that grant applications require Council approval.

Mayor Pro Tem asked questions regarding the project restrictions, questioning if the projects must be designated in "rural" areas. It was clarified that due to the city's population we qualify in this category, however, the location of the project could affect the required matching funds.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian and a motion to solicit services for administrative and engineering services. Councilmember Yancy seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6.II. Items For The Good Of The Order

Councilmember Yancy would like to rename Bayou Fest the "Bobby Hocking" Bayou Fest, rename Cedar St. after Kay Bailey Hutchinson, and the Public Library the "Geraldine Sam" Public Library. She will be out of town, missing Trunk or Treat Thursday, loving the lights on Lake Road, and excited to see all that is coming to the City. Went to TEDC Conference and is excited to see that the City is moving in the same direction as the state. She also thanked Mandalyn Salazar for an event last Saturday.

Mayor Pro Tem Compian was super excited to have attended Texas Municipal League Conference for the second year and shared some of what he heard and learned. We are a lucky community and we need to communicate the benefits of what we have better to our community. He also spoke about the Water, Sewer, and utility issues, and hopes we can finally create an enterprise fund that combines the 3. He also presented the concept of a Vexatious Requestor Ordinance, to possibly assist with managing Public Information Requests. He also shared some opportunities he learned about for potential funding for the city. He closed by sharing his pride that La Marque Police Department was awarded 1 out of 12 Community Policing Grants issued in Texas, of the 180 communities selected nationwide.

Mayor Bell shared an extensive list of progress being made in this city at "lightning speed". This is an exciting time for the City. He shared how grateful he is for all that attended and participated in Bayou Fest. He attended the Painted Meadows Halloween Event last Saturday and encouraged everyone to attend the La Marque Public Library's Trunk or Treat Event Thursday, October 27, 2022, beginning at 6 p.m. He requested time at the next meeting to discuss the previous 17 months and how he has been affected.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was not executive session.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

No actions were taken.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Yancy made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Compian seconded the motion. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

***Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.*

Keith Bell
Mayor

Kierra Nance, TRMC
City Clerk