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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES-April 23, 2020

I. The City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Andrew Garza, calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call by City Secretary D'Ann Lane.

Council Present: Mayor Andrew Garza, Council Members, Patricia Clifton, Jearl Rannefeld, John Walker, and Tim Humphrey

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Shirley Holm, D'Ann Lane, Haley Maywald, and Pete Pena

Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi

Guests Present: See Sign-In Sheet

III. Tim Humphrey, gave the invocation.

IV. City Secretary D'Ann Lane, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

V. City Secretary D'Ann Lane, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.

VI. Public Comments

One public comment was made by Charles Lindholm. Mr. Lindholm, was concerned with the Cell Phone Ordinance. He feels that there are already laws in place for this issue.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) First Amended Joint Order of Live Oak County, City of George West, and City of Three Rivers, has been extended through April 30, 2020.

Mayor Garza, announced that the County will be extending the current Stay at Home Order until April 30, 2020.

Mayor Garza, also read a message from Tina Crow, stating that DSHS and the military is setting up a screening site in Beeville at the Bee County Expo Center, on April 25th, and 26th. Anyone, that would like to be tested will need to pre-register at www.tx.covidtest.org or call 512.883.2400. Citizens must bring a form of ID and they must be symptomatic in order to get tested.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the May City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.
2. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
 - a) **Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes 3-5-2020.**
 - b) **Emergency City Council Meeting Minutes 3-15-2020.**
 - c) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 3-19-2020.**

Mayor Garza, asked if anything needed to be pulled. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Consent Agenda Passed.

BUSINESS:

3. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (1) Polymer Mixing Dosing Unit, for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm, let the council know more about the three quotes the city received for this piece of equipment. Mayor Garza, read an email from Grady Atkinson, and engineer from LNV with his recommendation. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #3 by AFTER THE WORD UNIT INSERT FROM AQUA-ZYME DISPOSAL INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,995.00. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment Carried.

Amended Agenda Item #3 Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of (1) Polymer Mixing Dosing Unit from Aqua-Zyme Disposal Inc. in the amount of \$10,995.00, for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Consideration and Action** to authorize the George West Chief of Police, to pay for damages to a 2016 GMC Canyon SLE Crew Cab, through the utilization of the State Drug Forfeiture Funds as described in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm, explained the situation, and Chief Perkins, was unmuted on WebEx. Chief Perkins, explained to the council that they did not find any kind of narcotics in the vehicle. Mayor Garza,

entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #4 by at the end of Criminal Procedure insert to Collision Center Auto Body & Glass, 1610 N. McColl, McAllen, Texas 78501 in the amount \$5,000.33. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment Carried.

Amended Agenda Item #4 Consideration and Action to authorize the George West Chief of Police, to pay for damages to a 2016 GMC Canyon SLE Crew Cab, through the utilization of the State Drug Forfeiture Funds as described in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure to Collision Center Auto Body & Glass, 1610 N. McColl, McAllen, Texas 78501 in the amount \$5,000.33. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCES:

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 870, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST ENTITLED CELL PHONE USE PROHIBITED.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for March 2020.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

7. **Interim City Manager's Report:**
- a) Revenue and Expense Report for March 2020.
 - b) City and Project Updates

Shirley Holm, gave her updates. For March 2020, the summary of revenue and expenses. For the General Fund we should be right at 50%, since we are halfway finished with the fiscal year. We are still doing well in the General Fund. We are sitting in the black in the General Fund right at \$101,887.77. In the Utility Fund revenue is at 50%, and expenditures are at 41%. We currently have \$169,245.79 in the Utility Fund. Grand total in the two funds is \$271,133.56. The citizens of George West have been using the new pay by phone feature, and we will soon have the pay online option available. We currently have three bids on the Double Wide trailer. The Council agreed to have a Special Meeting next Thursday, April 30, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

8. **Questions or Briefings at the City Council's Request:**

- a) Code Enforcement
- b) Municipal Court Report
- c) Public Works
- d) Police Chief Report
- e) Animal Control

9. Adjournment

The City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor