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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- February 10, 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, and John Walker. Council Place 1 is vacant.

Council Absent: None

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

Attorney Present: NONE

Guests Present: See Sign-In Sheet

III. Grace Wilson, 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

Public comments were made by Robin McKinney, the historical commission is having Dr. Monroe a speaker come talk to everyone.

Public comments were made by Mr. Nathan Hale, here to speak about Pecos St. troubles. For the last year and a half there has been a lot of infrastructure problems. The city was out this weekend a big rig was running on public streets. In the last year there was a big hole that the city kept coming to repair. A possible solution would be to block off the road at Lyssy and Eckel. The company has lots of entrances and exits, there is a lot of heavy traffic along this road.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Live Oak County Fair Parade will be February 29, 2020.
- b) Live Oak County Fair will be March 4-7, 2020.
- c) GWISD Spring Break March 9-13, 2020.
- d) Live Oak County Fair Holiday, March 6, 2020.

Mayor Garza, let the public know of all of the announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the March City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.
2. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
 - a) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 1-16-2020.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve the George West Band Boosters to use the City Hall Parking Lot for a fundraiser on April 11, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the street closure of Guadalupe Street between Travis Street and Crockett Street on April 5, 2020 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for the St. George Catholic Church Annual Picnic.

Mayor Garza, asked if anything needed to be pulled. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza, called for a vote consent agenda passed.

BUSINESS:

Applicant(s) for City Council Place 1, will be interviewed by the City Council in a question and answer format conducted in Open Session. Each applicant will end their interview by briefly addressing the citizens of George West. (There will be NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)

Mayor Garza, let all the candidates know the format that the questions would be asked.

The first candidate Mrs. Sandra Amoles. She answered a series of questions that were asked by the city council. Mrs. Amoles, addressed the citizens she wants to better the city. Her heart is for the citizens of George West. She, let the citizens know that if she does not get it she will keep trying.

The second candidate Tim Humphrey. He was asked the same questions Mrs. Amoles, was asked. He addressed the public. He is glad to be here, everyone has something they want to say and they want to do. He wants to work with the citizens of George West.

The third candidate Erma Muniz, was asked a series of questions. Mrs. Muniz, addressed the public. She has lived here for 50 years plus, she loves this town. She raised her family here. She would love to be a voice of the community.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel Matters), Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a) Discussion of candidates for City of George West City Council, Place 1

The council entered executive session at 7:21 p.m.

6. Reconvene in Open Session.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Council reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

7. Consideration and Action to appoint an applicant to George West City Council, Place 1.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker, open for discussion. Patricia Clifton entertained a motion to amend agenda item #7 by striking an applicant and replacing with Tim Humphrey. Move as read Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded John Walker. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #7 Consideration and Action to appoint Tim Humphrey to George West City Council, Place 1.

All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza, administered the oath of office to Tim Humphrey.

8. Consideration and Action on Issuing Order of Election for City Election to be held on May 2, 2020.

Consideration y acción sobre la Emisión de la Orden de la Elección para convocar la elección de la ciudad el 2 de mayo de 2020.

Move as read Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion Carried.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standards Board's recommendation to demolish said structure at 300 Leona St., George West, Texas and place a lien on properties for any expenses incurred.

Move as read Jearl Rannefeld, seconded Patricia Clifton. Open for public hearing at 7:47 p.m. Public hearing closed at 7:48 p.m. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standards Board's recommendation to demolish said structure at 306 Charles St., George West, Texas and place a lien on properties for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Public hearing opened at 7:49 p.m. Closed at 7:49 p.m. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

11. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Maria Soliz, to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Consideration and Action** to appoint an Economic Development Board, consisting of Margaret Brown, John Walker, Julie Hardwick, and Cheri Thomas (NEED 1) appointed by the Council's recommendations, for a term of 2 years.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #12 by moving John Walker's name in front of Margaret Brown, inserting after of council liaison after Julie Hardwick insert Alice Trevino, Erma Muniz, Sandra Amoles and Cheri Thomas. Move as read Pat Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried

Amended Agenda item #12 Consideration and Action to appoint an Economic Development Board, consisting of council liaison John Walker, Margaret Brown, Julie Hardwick, Alice Trevino, Erma Muniz, Sandra Amoles, and Cheri Thomas (NEED 1) appointed by the Council's recommendations, for a term of 2 years.

Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCES:

11. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 872,

Amendment No. 198, a request by Christopher Guerrero for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home on ABST 412 Jose De Rodriguez (Commonly known as 903 W. Ave.).

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 12. Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 873, Amendment No. 199, a request by Rufina Toscano for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home on Lot 79 Washington Hts. 0.5 Acres (Commonly known as 1110 Catholic Cemetery Road).

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. Motion carried.

- 13. Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for January 2020.

Move as read Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

BRIEFINGS:

14. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for January 2020.
- b) City and Project Updates

Shirley, gave the council her updates. We have 155796.82 in both accounts. We are right on target with general fund. A lot of our expenses come out the first quarter, but we are right on track. The Building Standards Board meeting is set for February 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

BUSINESS:

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberations about Real Property), Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a) City of George West property acquisition.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Council entered Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

17. Reconvene in Open Session.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Council reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

18. Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of certain property located in the City of George West.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by John Walker, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Item is placed for no action. With a unanimous vote.

19. Adjournment

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, Interim City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor