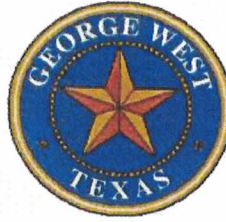


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# City of George West



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## **REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- JANUARY 16, 2020**

- I.** The City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Andrew Garza, calling the meeting to order at 6:00 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.** Glynis Strause, 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

There were no public comments.

- VII.** Announcements and Correspondence

- a) The Boys and Girls club have a fundraiser on January 25, 2020.
- b) Market days is January 16, 17 and 18, 2020.
- c) Dobie West Theatre, movie showing this weekend "Some Like it Hot."

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the February 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 11-18-2019.**
  - b) **Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes 12-4-2019.**
  - c) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 12-30-2019.**

**Mayor Garza, asked if anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda, Patricia Clifton, asked to pull agenda item number 1. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Consent Agenda passes.**

Agenda item number 1 has been pulled. Consideration and Action to change the time of the February City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Patricia Clifton, would like to change the time of the meeting to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Garza, cannot make it to the meetings by 6:00 p.m. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Next council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Rules have been suspended and we will move to agenda item number 15.

## **ORDINANCE:**

3. **Consideration and Action** to approve the First 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 Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Public hearing open at 7:12 p.m. Public hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m. It was approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the First 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 Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker. Public Hearing Open at 7:15 pm. Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m. Open for council discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 865, AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 671-B, AMENDING THE CURRENT SEWER RATES.

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

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 866, AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 670-B, AMENDING THE CURRENT WATER RATES.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 867, AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 853, AMENDING THE CURRENT GARBAGE RATES.

Move as read Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

8. **Consideration and Action** to replace Resolution 2018-02, by adopting Resolution 2020-01, approving the Investment Policy for Investing Funds for the City of George West and Providing an Effective Date; and appointing an Investment Committee consisting of: Richard Galloway, John Walker, Kitley Wasicek, Shirley Holm. (NEED 1)

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Shirley would like to add Michele Baker, to the committee. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item # 8 by after Shirley Holm including Michelle Baker. Move as read Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. John abstains. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #8. **Consideration and Action** to replace Resolution 2018-02, by adopting Resolution 2020-01, approving the Investment Policy for Investing Funds for the City of George West and Providing an Effective Date; and appointing an Investment Committee consisting of: Richard Galloway, John Walker, Kitley Wasicek, Shirley Holm, and Michelle Baker.

Mayor Garza, called for a vote. One abstain (John Walker). All in favor. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION**

9. Update on Ordinance No. 826, Zoning Amendment No. 181, requested by James Talley for a Variance to Chapter 8, Animals-Article IV-Dogs and Cats, of the Codification of Ordinances, to keep four (4) adult dogs and five (5) puppies for the purpose of a home business on Lot 7, Block 6, Sunset 0.241 Acres. (Commonly known as 1201 Terry Street)

Shirley, gave an update on the situation. On the 21<sup>st</sup> day if the dogs are not gone (more than 3 dogs). It would be up to \$500 per day per dog. We need to be very careful on those variances. There were a lot of complaints on this address. Chief, was directed to follow up on compliance on removing the animals.

10. Update on Ordinance No. 848, Amending Ordinance No. 824, Zoning Amendment No. 181 a Variance to Chapter 8, Animals-Article IV- Dogs and Cats, of the Codification of Ordinances by removing the portion in Section 1, limiting the time period of the Variance to one year.

This is the one on Lagarto St. They had the correct number of animals when code enforcement went to check. Mayor Garza, said that he does not hear the dogs. They were in compliance. For the next council meeting will bring up and replace the ordinance.

## **BUSINESS**

11. **Consideration and Action** to select a company for professional services to perform the necessary repairs to the Lift Station at IH 37, and HWY 59.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Shirley, and Pete gave the council an update. We received two bids for the lift station at 37 and 59, these bids are to replace all the cast iron. Grady Atkinson, from LNV has looked it over for the City and we will get what we want for the \$8,200.00 from Dave Furzer Operations. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #11 by striking a company and replacing with Dave Frurzer Operations. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #11 **Consideration and Action** to select Dave Furzer Operations for professional services to perform the necessary repairs to the Lift Station at IH 37, and HWY 59. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Consideration and Action** to purchase (1) Ford F250 4X2 truck in the amount of \$25,933.56; (1) Flatbed and (2) boxes in the amount of \$3,525.00; for a total cost of \$29,775.42, from Kinsel Ford.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Pete, gave the council an update to scratch the 2 boxes because they will not be included in the purchase. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.



- 13. Consideration and Action** to establish an Economic Development Board, consisting of five to seven citizens and/or business owners, with businesses/establishments located within the City of George West, appointed by Council's recommendations for a term of 2 years.

Move as read Patricia Clifton, seconded Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, gave the council an update on who could be on the board. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 14. Consideration and Action** to establish an Economic Development Board, consisting of Margaret Brown, John Walker, and Grace Wilson, appointed by the Council's recommendations, for a term of 2 years. (NEED 2)

Move as read Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. On the next agenda add John Walker, as liaison of the Economic Development Board. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Agenda item #14 is postponed.

- 15. Consideration and Action** to review applications and distribute Hotel Occupancy Tax accordingly for the annual Year 2020.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley, gave the council an update on who had applied this year. Mary Margaret, gave the council an update on Dobie Dichos. They spent a little over half of the money they were awarded last year. They received \$7000.00 last year. Out of the \$7000.00 they have \$3,128.59 left and they want to use that for this year. They plan on reapplying next year in 2021. The online sales were \$2,555.00, there were 69 transactions with 139 tickets sold. Most of the people she talked to were new to Dobie Dichos. They had an ad in the Houston Chronicle. Dobie Dichos will be on November 6, 2020. Dobie Dichos Inc., will be the new name. The theatre is planning to have their day of stories, the day after Dobie Dichos.

Rena McWilliams, gave the council an update on the Chamber of Commerce. She is applying for \$35,000. Rena McWilliams, wants to have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration at the City Park. It would be a two day event. Everything will be free. They have looked into bouncy houses. Some old fashioned games, for the kids. Have some music, from Ralph Lopez. It wouldn't be a burden on the city, they would form a committee to take care of everything. The promotional banners go on the streets. The Buck West House, still needs some help. The contractor painted the house and repaired windowsills. The flooring needs to be repaired soon, and they would like to add a storage building to the house. \$7500 for regular advertisement on social media. Also, attached a letter signed by the board of what they have accomplished in 2019.

Dobie Theater, Glynis Strause, gave an update on the theatre. Glynis, appreciated the opportunity to talk about the theatre. They meet the criteria for the HOT funds. They are requesting \$30,000.00. It was a good start last year, for their first year. They all work together to advertise, they are starting the legends of country music. We are not just a small town theatre. People came in from surrounding areas for the theatre. Dion Pride, said best acoustics I've heard in an old building. She has already put the dates in 6 magazines. She is going to advertise to reach at least 7 counties. We have to have professional people running sound and lights. Board members are going to different counties to put up flyers. Glynis, wants to redo the mural that is in the theatre. You're going to get people coming for Dobie Dichos, and staying the night for a day of stories. Public relations plans for Dobie Dichos, the Texas Storytelling Guilds, if we are the Storytelling Capital of Texas, we have to continue it. We need to keep the legends of this area alive. The theatre is in much better shape than it was.

Winterfest, gave their update. They had a lot of people come in to town for the concert from out of town. They would like to ask for \$40,000.00, they no longer do it in the city limits. This year they had the kids cookoff, where the grand prize was a trip to Disney World. They are just trying to grow it as big as they can and have it be a representation of George West. They had between 4-5000 people that come out this year.

Shirley, gave the council an update in 2018 \$105962.47 last year totals. We capped it at \$100,000.00, so the city retained \$5962.47. In 2019 the total of the first three quarters was \$126,381.76 so far this year the city still has \$55,343.23 in the HOT funds account. We still have the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter we have not collected yet. Shirley, would want to do something to the downtown area to revitalize the area. She has contacted Grantworks, and is trying to see what options we have for the downtown area. The city of Beeville, has used some HOT funds and revitalized their downtown area. People would want to bring their businesses to downtown if it looked better.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #15 by at the end of 2020 adding as follows: Dobie Dichos utilize the remaining 2019 funds of \$3128.59; the Chamber of Commerce receive 37.5%; Winterfest receive 32.5%; and Dobie West Theatre receive 30%; capping the 2020 distribution Hot Funds at a total of \$100,000.00 for all entity distribution combined.

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

Amended agenda item #15 **Consideration and Action** to review applications and distribute Hotel Occupancy Tax accordingly for the annual Year 2020 as follows: Dobie Dichos utilize the remaining 2019 funds of \$3128.59; the Chamber of Commerce receive 37.5%; Winterfest receive 32.5%; and Dobie West Theatre receive 30%; capping the 2020 distribution of Hot Funds at a total of \$100,000.00 for all entity distribution combined.

Mayor Garza called for a vote. Jearl Rannefeld, abstain. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Rules reinstated. Move to agenda item #3.



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

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #16 by striking January 2020, and replacing it with December 2019. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #16 Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for December 2019. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BRIEFINGS:**

**17. Interim City Manager's Report:**

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for December 2019.
- b) City and Project Updates

Shirley, gave the council her updates, and presented the revenue and expense report. The General fund is positive \$66,125.00. The utility fund has \$91,903.00. In the two funds we are in the black at \$158,028.61. We had the audit 2018-2019 and was completed last week each year the city gets better and better.

**18. 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

**19. Adjournment.**

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Garza, Mayor