

City of George West, Texas

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SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- July 30, 2020

I. The City Council met in Special 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, John Walker, and Tim Humphrey

Council Absent: None

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

Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi was live via Zoom

Guests Present: See Sign-In Sheet

III. Mayor Andrew Garza, 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 was one public comment from Sandra Amoles. Mrs. Amoles states that after the high praise she heard from last council meeting on 7/16/2020 she wants the council to move forward and make interim positions permanent. Mrs. Amoles would like for the City Manager to be more available to the public. Mrs. Amoles thinks the City Manager needs a work schedule as to when she will be in the office. Mrs. Amoles wants to thank a great officer for her service and says it's a loss for the city. Mrs. Amoles thinks fingerprint time clocks should go into every department. Mrs. Amoles apologizes for being complicated she just wants transparency from the city. City Council meetings should be posted to the Facebook page because it is no different than any other information being shared on the city page.

Interim City Manager, Shirley Holm, states that she keeps a communication log of citizens that she visits with every day. The following citizens are who she has spoken with today for the record: Greg Booth, Richard Brown, Manuel Zuniga, Debra Morin, Louis Salinas, David Smith, Jim Huff, Jane Armstrong, Ricky Lopez, Tive Ybanez, and Sonny Ybanez. This makes a total of 11 citizens that Mrs. Holm had contact with today.

Shirley Holm also wanted to mention that regarding transparency, the City of George West has an outstanding Website with all the City Council agenda's, minutes, financial audits and multiple other transparent information. The City's Facebook page is also posted daily with important information. Due to COVID-19, the City has tried several ways to have monthly and special meetings through Facebook, Web-Ex and Zoom. Our staff will always offer assistance to anyone that needs assistance in getting information from these resources.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

WORKSHOP:

1. Discussion on the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget.

In conjunction with the Open Meetings Act, there will be No Citizen Participation during the Workshop.

The City of George West held Budget Workshop to discuss the proposed annual budget for fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

The Workshop was closed at 7:01 p.m.

BUSINESS:

2. **Consideration and Action** to reconsider Amended Agenda Item#7 from the July 16, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting regarding selecting Williams Road, LLC. to level up and seal coat a section of Houston St.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. The motion carried with majority vote greater than 2/3. Tim Humphrey, did not vote. Mr. Humphrey was not present at the last meeting when agenda item was discussed.

3. **Consideration and Action** to select Williams Road, LLC. to level up and seal coat a section of Houston St. using pricing option A in the amount of \$47,000.00.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Shirley Holm, explained she would like for the council to reconsider this item after she completed more due diligence on this vendor, Williams Road, LLC. The Council reconsidered due to Shirley Holms recommendation. Mayor called for vote. All opposed. Motion fails. For majority nay.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas**

Government Code (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a) Contemplated Litigation and updates on the Suzanne Martin case.

The council entered Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

5. Reconvene

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by John Walker, seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. The Council reconvened at 8:16 p.m.

6. Adjournment

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

ATTEST:


D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED:


Andrew Garza, Mayor