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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 25, 2020

I. The City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Andrew Garza, calling the meeting to order at 6:34 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 was via Webex, D'Ann Lane, Yolanda Guerrero, Pete Pena and Jimmy Loya

Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi

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.

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

Public comments were made by Sandra Amoles, her topic was concerns for the city. She is voicing her opinion that it is the council's job to listen to the citizens. It should be the council's job to fill all open positions. All city staff should clock in and out. Public Works, should have their gate unlocked. The Interim City Manager needs a schedule even if part-time. The city has lost quite a few good people, and that has caused many TCEQ fines.

V. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) The Chamber of Commerce will be cancelling the 4th of July Celebration due to the increased number of active COVID-19 cases in Live Oak County.

- b) There will be two more confirmed cases.
- c) Free military testing site Thursday July 2, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for COVID-19. You will need to bring a license or ID.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the July 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 5-21-2020.**

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

PRESENTATIONS:

- 3. **Presentation by Debbie Frasier of Armstrong, Vaughan, Associates, P.C. for the City of George West FY 2018-2019 Audit.**

Debbie went over the audit in detail with the council, and offered to come do a live update after COVID-19.

- 4. **Presentation by Kristian Santos regarding Republic Services. (10 Minutes)**

Kristian Santos, gave a presentation on the services they provide. He appreciates the concerns that the Mayor, brought up. They have been bringing in more trucks to the city. With the increase of trash at the curb has increased the volumes. They have to do an extra trip to the landfill during COVID-19. The operations team is working on these issues to ensure these don't keep coming up. In 2021 they should be getting 4-5 new residential trucks.

There will be NO Public Participation During Presentations.

DISCUSSIONS:

- 5. **Discussion on Republic Services performance and operations.**

They want to say what has been happening with Republic, has been happening due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BUSINESS:

- 6. **Consideration and Action** to direct the City Manager to begin the process of requesting RFQ's for garbage services.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion for No Action. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. No action was taken.

ORDINANCES:

- 7. PUBLIC HEARING. Consideration and Action** to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 876 Amending Ordinance 867 by including Bulky Garbage Rates. This Amendment incorporates the addition of Bulky Garbage Pickup on a quarterly basis at an increased rate of \$2.00 per month for all residents within city limits.

The Public Hearing was open at 7:34 p.m. Jearl Rannefeld and Sandra Amoles, have issues with this ordinance they do not see the reason for the \$2.00 increase. The Public Hearing was closed at 7:38 p.m.

Mayor Garza, called for a vote on this ordinance. Move as read by Patricia Clifton, there was no second. Agenda item #7 dies for lack of second. Mayor Garza, called for parliamentary order, to explain the public hearing to Tim Humphrey.

- 8. Consideration and Action** to approve Ordinance No.877 AUTHORIZING AND ORDERING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020; AUTHORIZING A PRICING OFFICER TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT, THE INTEREST RATES, PRICE, REDEMPTION PROVISIONS AND TERMS THEREOF AND CERTAIN OTHER PROCEDURES AND PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO; AND CONTAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley explained to the council that now is the time to refinance these bonds. It saves the city \$138,000.00 over the next 12 years of the payback of the bonds. Wade Thomson, and D'Anne Carson, were live via Webex. They work for Government Capital. They will be saving about \$12,000 a year. They hope to finish this by July 15, 2020. Mayor Garza, asked if there is any more discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

- 9. Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2020-06 authorizing the submission of a Texas Home Investment Partnerships Program Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, explained what this program is. It is a program to help citizens get approved for houses if they meet certain qualifications. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 10. Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2020-07 amending the application for the Local Border Star Security Program, LBSP-BL21 GRANT for 2021.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2020-08 amending the application for the George West Software Project, DJ19 PY 21 Criminal Justice Program GRANT for 2021.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

12. Consideration and Action to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 200 Zapata St., George West, Texas and place a lien on the said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration and Action to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 200 San Antonio St., George West, Texas and place a lien on the said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Consideration and Action to approve the 2021 Health Insurance rates for staff employed by the City of George West.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. D'Ann Lane, explained the insurance rates to the council. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of a 4RE In-Car Video Transfer System in the amount of \$10,995.00, 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 Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. Chief Loya, explained what this was, right now their storage gets full really fast and takes a while to upload everything to the cloud. They will not have to worry about finding additional storage with this. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for May 2020.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. Pat asked if BugPro and On Target Pest Solutions are providing the same services. Shirley explained. BugPro

was our provider, but now we are using On Target Pest Solutions, we had some issues with BugPro. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

17. Interim City Manager's Report:

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

Shirley, gave us her report. Our general fund revenue was down about 4%. We were anticipating that this month and next month our revenue was going to drop some. Shirley, has been with the city for 19 months now. She is happy to say she has seen a lot of progress with the city. Some issues came out in March, they have found a Waste Water Treatment Operator, he retired from LNV and we picked him up. They are working with TCEQ, to get things resolved.

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

BUSINESS:

19. 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.
- b) Contemplated Litigation and updates on the Georgia Vines case.
- c) Legal guidance on external harassment and inference of city employees and operations.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session. The council entered Executive session at 8:46 p.m.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by John Walker, seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

20. Adjournment

There will be no action on Executive Session items. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to adjourn. Move as read by Tim Humphrey, seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor