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# City of George West



**Mayor**  
Andrew J. Garza

**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
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**Council**  
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## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- May 21, 2020

**I.** The City Council met in Regular Session with Mayor Andrew Garza, calling the meeting to order at 6:43 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 Webex.

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, she is concerned with the wraps of the Police vehicles, the City Manager also needs a set schedule, and Police Department needs a time clock to clock in and out. She, also would like to know when the three new Dodge Chargers will be getting license plates put on. All interim jobs need to be advertised to start filling positions.

**VII.** Announcements and Correspondence

a) Celebrations of National Police Week May 10 - 16, 2020 and National Public

Works Week May 17 – 23, 2020 for the great work they do as first responders and essential workers.

Mayor Garza, read the two Proclamations for the Police Department and Public Works Department.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the June 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 4-23-2020.**
  - b) **Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes 4-30-2020.**
  - c) **Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes 5-11-2020.**

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 a 30 cubic yard dewatering unit for sludge management at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley, informed the council that Grady Atkinson, with LNV put the bid packets together. They received three bids. One from Aqua-Zyme in the amount of \$30,995.00. One from Dragon, in the amount of \$30,850.00. And the third was from Park Process in the amount of \$32,112.00. Grady, was live on the meeting via Webex. He explained what the dewatering unit does to the council and why the city should purchase one. The problem at the Wastewater Plant started around March or April, they have been renting a unit and they are able to dewater it in a timely manner. The quote from Aqua-Zyme includes a discount for the rental charge we are currently paying. Aqua-Zyme has agreed to drop the rental price if we choose their bid. If we go with any of the other 2 bids we will still be required to pay Aqua-Zyme the \$5,300.00 rental charge.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to insert after dewatering unit from Aqua-Zyme \$30,995.00. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Call for vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Amended Agenda Item #3 Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of a 30 cubic yard dewatering unit from Aqua-Zyme in the amount of \$30,995.00 for sludge management at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of 3 Panasonic Public Sector Specific, Win10 Pro Laptops for the George West Police Department vehicles for a total amount of \$10,915.26, 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. Mayor Garza thanked Interim Chief Jimmy Loya, for bringing this agenda item up to the council. Interim Chief Loya, is not required to bring these items to the council. Chief Loya, gave the council an update on what these computers were needed for. These are patrol rated computers. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase and application of laminate graphics for 1 white 2019 Dodge Charger for the George West Police Department in the amount of \$3,400.00, through the utilization of the State Drug Forfeiture Funds as described in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

Move as read Patricia Clifton, seconded by Tim Humphrey. Mayor Garza, thanked Chief Loya, again for bringing this up to the council. Chief, let the council know what vehicle was going to get the new graphics put on. One of the vehicles in the current fleet will eventually be a reserve vehicle. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

6. **Consideration and Action** to surplus George West Police Department equipment as described on **Exhibit GWCC-20-007** through TML or Law Enforcement Surplus Auction.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Chief Loya, informed the council what the equipment on this was in detail.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #6 by striking through TML or Law Enforcement Surplus Auction. Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried

**Amended Agenda item #6 Consideration and Action** to surplus George West Police Department equipment as described on **Exhibit GWCC-20-007**. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the sale of approved surplus of the George West Police Department Equipment through TML and/or Law Enforcement Surplus Auction.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Chief Loya, asked the council what they would like to do with the equipment that other departments did not want to buy. Shirley Holm, will sign off on what has to be destroyed. Call for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**BUSINESS:**

**8. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for April 2020.**

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, Called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BRIEFINGS:****9. Interim City Manager's Report:**

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

**10. 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

Shirley Holm, gave the council an update. We should be at 50% of budget. Revenue and expenditures are right on target. We had two months of health insurance we paid for. The HOT funds for the first quarter all come in by April 30<sup>th</sup> some of deposits were not made until May 1. First quarter \$46,704.32, of HOT funds were received. She, brought up the bulky trash pickup at \$2.00 per citizen per month. The first reading on that will be June 11, 2020. The audit is complete for this last fiscal year. Zoom meeting on June 8, 2020 for Building Standards Board.

Chief Loya, gave an update on Code Enforcement. They have demolished the house on 300 Leona and 304 Charles. This is a start on getting this cleaned up.

**BUSINESS:****11. 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.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

Move to reconvene by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. The council reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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

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