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Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2018

I. The City Council met in Regular Session with **Mayor Andrew Garza** calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. **Roll Call** by City Secretary Debra L. Myers.

Council Present: Mayor Andrew Garza, Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, Council Members Kitley Wasicek and Rindle Wilson.

Council Absent: Council Member Pat Clifton

Staff Present: Georgia A. Vines, Debra L. Myers, Tito Medina, James Valadez and Shirley Holm

Attorney Present: Carlos Valdez

Guest Present: See Sign-in Sheet.

III. Mayor Andrew Garza gave the Invocation.

IV. Debra L. Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

V. Debra L. Myers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

VI. Public Comments

Rey and Tonya Arciba – Mayor Garza read the Public Comment, and told Mr. Arciba that he will have more time to speak once he opens the Public Hearing on the property in question.

David Nieto – Mr. Nieto said he has made numerous attempts to resolve the problems with the wrecker services and the George West Police Department. He said nothing is being done, and he would like to be put on the City Council Meeting Agenda. A letter written by Mr. Nieto was passed out to everyone.

Cosme Arciba – Mr. Arciba, parent and school board member, brought several boys on behalf

of support of the possibility of a new skate park. He thanked the Council for considering the skate park, and he is willing to help.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a. Farmers and Artisans Market – February 17, 2018
- b. Letter from Texas Municipal Courts Education Center – National Night Out
- c. Letter from Texas Municipal Courts Education Center – Municipal Courts Week – 2017

Grace Wilson said that there will be a George West Cemetery Clean-up Day on March 10, 2018, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Grilled hamburgers will be offered for those who help. She also asked about a spring clean-up date for the Council to consider.

1. Consideration and Action to interview applicants for City Council Place 4.

Applicant(s) for City Council, Place 4, 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)

Mr. Rindle Wilson spoke to the Council and the public. He is interested in the City and the County and the economics in our area. He has experience with seal coating, writing grants, and the Refugio City Council. He has served as a County Commissioner, is very conservative, and he is looking forward to serving the City, should he be appointed to the City Council.

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

Appointment of an applicant to the City Council Place 4 vacant position.

Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a motion to move as read, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Council Member Kitley Wasicek said that she doesn't feel the need to go into an executive session. Mayor Garza said that he would entertain a motion for no action on Agenda Item #2. Council Member Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to move as read, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. All in favor of no action on Agenda Item #2. Motion carried.

3. Reconvene in Open Session.

No action on Agenda Item #3.

4. Consideration and Action to appoint an applicant to George West City Council, Place 4.

Mayor Garza to administer the Oath of Office.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to strike applicant and replace with Rindle Wilson. Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a move to amend Agenda Item #4 by striking the word applicant and replacing with Rindle Wilson, seconded by Council Member Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried. Mayor Garza called for a vote on the Consideration and Action to appoint an Rindle Wilson to George West City Council, Place

4. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Andrew Garza administered the Oath of Office to Rindle Wilson.

5. Consideration and Action to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Garza to administer Oath of Office to the newly appointed Mayor Pro-Tem.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Jearl Rannefeld. Council Member Rindle Wilson nominated Jearl Rannefeld as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #5 by striking “a” and adding Jearl Rannefeld. Council Member Kitley moved to amend Agenda Item #5 to read: Consideration and Action to appoint Jearl Rannefeld Mayor Pro-Tem., seconded by Rindle Wilson. Mayor Garza called for a vote on amended Agenda Item #5. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Andrew Garza administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld.

CONSENT AGENDA:

6. **Consideration and Action to approve the City Manager to attend the Texas Flood Manager Association Conference on March 7th through 9th as for mandatory hours required by City Charter and FEMA requirements.**

Mayor Andrew Garza called for a vote to approve the Consent Agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

7. **Consideration and Action to approve Ordinance 630-C; an ordinance Reviewing and Reinstating Curfew Ordinance No. 630.**

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. It is required by law to renew our ordinance each year. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Consideration and Action to approve Ordinance 842, an amendment to Ordinance No. 190, “an ordinance dividing the City of George West, Texas, into districts and within said districts regulating and restricting the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures, the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces, and land for trade, industry, residence, and other purposes; establishing a board of adjustment and prescribing its powers and litigation and violations under existing ordinance; providing penalties for the violation of the ordinance and providing a savings clause”, by amending section 2.304; effect of the ordinance, and providing a savings clause.**

Mayor Garza opened a Hearing at 7:29 p.m. on Ordinance 842, an amendment to Ordinance No. 190 “an ordinance dividing the City of George West, Texas, into districts and within said districts regulating and restricting the height, number of stories, and size of buildings and other structures,

the size of yards, courts, and other open spaces, and land for trade, industry, residence, and other purposes; establishing a board of adjustment and prescribing its powers and litigation and violations under existing ordinance; providing penalties for the violation of the ordinance and providing a savings clause”, by amending section 2.304; effect of the ordinance, and providing a savings clause. This is for Chapelle Hts Block #2 Lots 12 & 13 (commonly known as 101 Kerry Dr.).

This is a variance with the Planning and Zoning Committee concerning someone who wants to move a manufactured home on the Chapelle Hts. Block. Those who would like to speak may do so. Mr. Vidal M. Zuniga asked Mayor Garza to read his letter to the members of the City Council. Mr. Zuniga opposes the manufactured home moving in to his neighborhood. Other speakers were Marie Mendoza and letters from Reynaldo and Tonya Avizu, Mary Ann Gonzales, and Imogene Hayek. The speakers and letters object to the trailer home being moved into their neighborhood. They were about the safety of their children and property values coming down.

Mr. Nathan Brewer, who applied for permission to move the manufactured home on the property in order to fix up and sell. He lives in Beeville, Texas and has no plan to live in the home. He explained that the skirting is a mess, but would not be left as is. He said he plans on cleaning up the property but that it is a business adventure.

Mayor Andrew Garza closed the Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

On Agenda Item #8, a motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. After much discussion, by the Council, Mayor Garza called for a vote. Majority voted nay. Motion failed.

RESOLUTIONS:

9. Consideration and action to adopt Resolution 2018-02, approving the Investment Policy for Funds for the City of George West and Providing an Effective Date; and appointing an Investment Committee.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Georgia Vines, City Manager, said that the government requires that we have an investment committee. We are not supposed to just leave our money sitting in the bank and should actively invest it. There has never been an investment committee and she said it is recommended that you have the City Manager, a City Council member, the city accountant, and two residents of the city on the committee. Council Member Rindle Wilson made a motion to postpone this action until the next Council meeting; seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Consideration and action to adopt Resolution 2018-03, for creation of Animal Control Special Fund and Making Guidelines for Fund Activity.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. This resolution is to open the account for all of the activities for our Animal Control. Council Member Kitley Wasicek mentioned that the word “resources” be changed to “finances.” Mrs. Vines said we are trying to set up this account so that people may donate to taking care of our animals rather than euthanize them after 72 hours. This fund will help with the Animal

Control expenses. Shirley Holm said that there is another way to set up another line item rather instead of opening another bank account. Suzanne Martin, Police Chief, said that it is just easier to write a check for the items needed rather than go the extra step through a pooled account. Mrs. Vines said that it would take a week to go through the check writing procedures if funds went to the pooled account. Paperwork will still come through the City office.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #10 by replacing “resources” to “finances.” A motion was made to amend Agenda Item #10 by Council Member Rindle Wilson, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. The amended Agenda Item #10 was voted on with all in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

11. Consideration and Action to select an Engineering Firm for the 2017-2018 fiscal year for City of George West from the following applicant, LNV.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Georgia Vines said we sent out six packets looking for an Engineering Firm, and we only received one back. She asked Grady Atkinson since we already paid the initial cost for the pond, will there be any extra costs? Mr. Atkinson said there will be extra costs with re-evaluating the pond. The cost might possibly change. He said change orders should come before the work is done. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Consideration and Action to approve repair of Waste Water Treatment Facility Race Track Rotor in the amount of \$10,000 as requested by Interim Public Works Director James Valadez.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. An updated detailed quote was included in the Council's packet. After discussion on the cost, a motion was made by Council Member Kitley Wasicek to postpone until next month's meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration and Action to appoint an applicant as alternate to the Building Standards Board.

A motion was made to move as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. We have one applicant, Raymond Brysch. Mr. Brysch wanted to make sure that there is no conflict since he owns some substandard homes that he will work on and try to flip. Carlos Valdez, City Attorney, said that he could excuse himself if there became a conflict of interest. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #13 to read: Consideration and Action to appoint Raymond Brysch as alternate to the Building Standards Board. A motion was made to amend Agenda Item #13 by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Garza called for a vote on the amended Agenda Item #13. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Consideration and Action to ratify the purchase of gym equipment by the police department from the Forfeiture Account.

A motion was made to move as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. Police Chief Suzanne Martin purchased gym equipment from forfeiture money. It is stored in the Police Department kitchen. She said four of seven employees working out. Mayor Garza called for a vote to ratify the purchase of gym equipment from the Forfeiture Account. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. Consideration and Action to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to full-time employees for 2018.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #15 by adding at the end of 2018, "effective February 15, 2018." A motion was made to move as read by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. Mayor Garza called for a vote on the amended Agenda Item #15 which reads: Consideration and Action to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to full-time employees for 2018, effective February 15, 2018. All in favor. Amended motion carried.

16. Consideration and Action to approve an agreement for use of the Boy Scout Hut located at 1010 Burleson by the Boy Scouts Troop 277.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Georgia Vines asked that the Council postpone Agenda Items #16 and #17 until the March Council meeting.

17. Consideration and Action to approve an agreement for use of the Boy Scout Hut located at 1010 Burleson by the George West Law Enforcement Explorers Post 1013.

A motion was made to postpone Agenda Items #16 and #17 by Council Member Rindle Wilson, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote to postpone. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Discussion on Council Policies.

Jearl Rannefeld came back from his seminar for new council members with new ideas for adding agenda items for City Council meetings. The handouts were not available but was discussed among the Council members.

Mayor Andrew Garza entertained a motion to recess for ten minutes. A motion was made to recess by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. The meeting recessed at 8:48 p.m.

A motion was made to reconvene the meeting by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Rindle Wilson. All in favor. The meeting reconvened at 9:06 p.m. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. A motion was made to suspend the rules by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Rindle Wilson. All in favor. Rules suspended.

19. Discussion on City Recreational Improvements.

Georgia Vines said that a gentleman who worked on the City's swimming pool in the past spent a lot of time measuring and evaluating the pool. His estimate of the cost to repair and open the pool would cost \$30,000-\$35,000. Much of the work that it needs is cosmetic and can be done by James Valadez and the Public Works department. Some electrical work needs to be done. The pool has been closed for at least 15 years. There is a minor crack not all the way through that can be fixed by epoxy. Mrs. Vines will check with TML about keeping the slide. Mr. Jorge Chavez gave Mrs. Vines a quote.

Mrs. Vines showed several photos of the splash pads and skate parks. The splash pad that is more affordable for the City would cost about \$30,000 - \$40,000. She will meet next month with some people in Waco who do this kind of work. Much of the cost can be done by our workers for the shade areas. This would be built across from the Police Department's impound yard. Parents would be responsible for their own children. It would be open at certain times.

Photos of the skate park were shown. Our employees could build the skate park. There are also grants that can be utilized for recreation facilities. The State Board will also come out and help build these kind of things. There is no liability because it will be posted that you skate at your own risk. The location has not been chosen yet, but Mrs. Vines said that she would like to make it available to where the most skaters gather.

Other topics of discussion were a dog park for those who would like to walk their dogs, restrooms built at the George West City Park, and some discussion was about making facilities handicapped available.

20. Discussion on Unify to Beautify's plans for downtown.

Grace Wilson spoke about the four big, beautiful pots they purchased in Laredo, Texas to place on the corners downtown. Two pots will be placed on the corner of Pawlik's Lumber Supply and Rosie's Treasures. The other two will be by the courthouse and by the library flowerbed. Picture handouts were given to the Council of iron works and the pots.

21. Consideration and Action to approve January 2018 Accounts Payable.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. A motion was made to reinstate the rules by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Rules reinstated. Council went back to Agenda Item #19.

BRIEFINGS:

22. City Manager's Report:

a. Revenue and Expense Report for January 2018 – Shirley Holm gave a brief review on finances and added the bank account balances for the Council to see. The sale of cabana funds were deposited into the 2012 Certificate of Obligation, which was renamed 2016 Certificate of Obligation. Mayor Garza said parks and sewer plant money should be separated. Mrs. Holm stated that Mr. Houlihan, previous City Manager used the 2012 Certificate of Obligation bank account for the 2016 Certificate of Obligation. Mrs. Holm stated that she will transfer the funds received from sale of cabanas from the 2016 Certificate of Obligation to a designated city bank account for the proceeds for sale of cabanas.

b. City and Project Updates – previously given.

23. City Secretary's Report – A brief report was given by Debra L. Myers.

24. Chief of Police Report – A brief report was given by Suzanne Martin.

25. Code Enforcement Report – Nathaniel Valverde prepared a handout report concerning the Building Standards Board meeting.

26. Public Works Report – James Valadez gave a brief report and thanked the Council for their new trucks. Mr. Valadez added that Octavio Diaz Jr. received his Class D Wastewater Treatment Operator License.

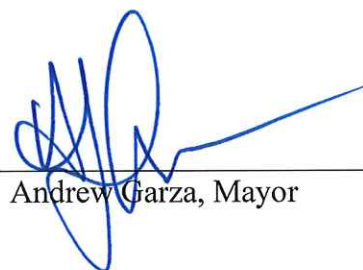
27. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Rindle Wilson. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor Andrew Garza adjourned the meeting at 10:15 p.m.

ATTEST:


Debra L. Myers, City Secretary

SIGNED:


Andrew Garza, Mayor

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