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Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes – March 15, 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, Pat Clifton, and Rindle Wilson

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Georgia A. Vines, Debra L. Myers, Tito Medina, James Valadez, Jason Lee, and Nathaniel Valverde

Attorney Present: Carlos Valdez

Guest Present: See attached sign-in sheet

III. **Rodney Wilson** 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**

a. **Farmers and Artisans Market – Saturday, March 17, 2018**

b. **Mayor's Proclamation declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of George West as cited under Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968.**

City Manager Georgia Vines announced that UTB spent the week putting a border around our sign in front of City Hall and planted blue petunias to make it look nice. Mrs. Vines also said that South Texas Vo-Tech from San Antonio want to hold their 3rd Annual Welding Competition in George West at Lyssy & Echols Feed Store on June 2, 2018. They are expecting to bring in 400 people. Mrs. Vines will contact Rena McWilliams to see if the Artisans Market would like to participate during this time. Fundraisers such as food trucks, Storyfest and Explorers could participate. Mrs. Vines will call the hotels and try to get some special rates for the event.

PRESENTATION (10 minutes)

TXDOT Area Engineer, Lucio Ramos, Alice, Texas

Mr. Lucio Ramos is the new area engineer for TXDOT, and he wanted to introduce himself and give a brief synopsis of his work with TXDOT. He came from the Beaumont office. Mr. Ramos filled the City Council in on the road work going on in our area. There will be some pavement repairs south of Highway 59.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:**
 - a. **01-18-18 Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes**
 - b. **02-04-18 Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes**
 - c. **02-16-18 Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes**
 - d. **03-01-18 Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes**
2. **Consideration and Action to approve Second Reading of 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 Council Member Pat Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES:

3. **Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 843, Amendment No. 192, on a request by Rosalia Camarillo for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home on GEO West Blk 8 SE/2 of lots 5 & 6 (commonly known as 304 San Marcos).**

Mayor Garza opened a Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m. and closed it at 7:16 p.m. since there were no comments or discussion. On Agenda Item #3, a motion was made to move as read by Council Member Pat Clifton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 844, Amendment No. 193, on a Request by Billy Younts and Tiffany Serrata for a Variance to Chapter 8, Animals - Article IV - Dogs and Cats, of the Codification of Ordinances, to allow seven dogs at their residence on GEO West Rsd Block A Pt of Lot 100 (commonly known as 199 Lagarto Rd.).**

Mayor Garza opened a Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. and closed it at 7:18 p.m. since there were no comments or discussion. A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to Amend Agenda Item #4 to read: Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 844, Amendment No. 193, with a one-year probationary period on a Request by Billy Younts and Tiffany Serrata for a Variance to Chapter 8, Animals - Article IV - Dogs and Cats, of the Codification of Ordinances, to allow seven dogs at their residence on GEO West Rsd Block A Pt of Lot

100 (commonly known as 199 Lagarto Rd.). A motion was made to move as read on Amended Agenda Item #4 by Council Member Rindle Wilson, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 845, Amendment No. 194, on a Request by DRG Architects for a Variance to Chapter 46, Subdivisions, of the Codification of Ordinances, to allow a setback of 8 feet 5 ¼ inches on GEO West Blk 19 Lots 3-4 (commonly known as 305 Bowie St.).**

Mayor Garza opened a Public Hearing at 7:22 p.m. and closed it at 7:23 p.m. since there were no comments or discussion. A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Rindle Wilson. Judge Jim Huff said about 2 ½ years ago the county decided that there was a need for two new buildings. DRG Architects have been hired to build these buildings, one for the Justice of Peace Officers and one for climate control storage. They are requesting a variance to allow for a setback. After some discussion, Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

6. **Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2018-04, Canceling the Regular City Officer's Election Scheduled to be held on the 5th day of May, 2018, in Accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code; Directing the Giving of Notice of Such Cancellation of Election; and Providing Details Relating to the Cancellation of Such Election.**

Aprobar la Resolución Nro. 2018-04 Cancelando la Elección Regular de Funcionarios Municipales programada para celebrarse el día 5 de mayo de 2018 de acuerdo con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código Electoral de Texas; instruyendo que se de aviso de tal cancelación de elección; y proveyendo detalles relativos a la cancelación de tal elección.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Rindle Wilson, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution 2018-05, a resolution by the City Council of George West, Texas, designating all council members and certain staff as signatories on specified accounts; and recognizing the accounts at SouthTrust Bank.**

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Pat Clifton, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2018-06, authorizing the submission of application and acceptance of any Local Border Star Program (LBSP) grant funds that the Home Land Security Grants issued for the period of September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2019.**

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Interim Police Chief Jason Lee explained that this is a grant used to pay overtime to officers. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:**9. Consideration and Action to approve the repairs of the George West Cactus Park swimming pool by Chavez Pools.**

A motion was made to approve as ready by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. There was discussion about the future expenses associated with the pool such as maintenance, concession stands, lifeguards, etc. Mayor Garza entertained a vote to approve the repairs by Chavez Pools. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to Amend Agenda Item #9 to read: Consideration and Action to approve the repairs of the George West Cactus Park swimming pool by Chavez Pools at the lower estimate of \$26,600.00. A motion was made to approve Amended Agenda Item #9 as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.

10. Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of a drug dog for the George West Police Department.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. Interim Police Chief Jason Lee explained that the first dog he had chosen would bite, so he went with "Arco", a Belgian Mal, which weighs about 78 lbs. and is 24 months old. K-9 Arco has the potential to be a good patrol dog. He said he is able to purchase Arco for \$5,000.00 instead of \$6,500.00. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Consideration and Action to vote for a candidate for Director and a candidate for Alternate Director to the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA).

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 #11 to read: Consideration and Action to vote for a Brian Macmanus for Director and a Steven Sanchez for Alternate Director to the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA). A motion to Amend Agenda Item #11 was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried. Mayor called for a vote on Amended Agenda Item #11. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. Consideration and Action to select April 21, 2018 as Spring Clean-Up Day.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. There was discussion about helping the elderly and waiving fees, but Attorney Carlos Valdez said that you have to be careful with waiving fees, and it needs to be the same across the board. There was discussion on ways to involve the community in helping with this project. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration and Action to approve repair of Waste Water Treatment Facility Race Track Rotor in the amount of (TBD) as requested by Interim Public Works Director James Valadez.

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. City Manager Georgia Vines said that she and James Valadez will be meeting on Friday, March 19th at 10:30 a.m. with a representative with ACG, a Company L & H uses. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to Amend Agenda Item #13 to read: Consideration and Action to approve repair of Waste Water Treatment Facility Race Track Rotor in the amount of \$15,000.00 as

requested by Interim Public Works Director James Valadez. Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Discussion on dates for Council workshop regarding job descriptions and Council policies.

It was decided that Saturday, April 28, 2018, would be a good date for the City Council to meet. Everyone will meet at 9:00 a.m.

15. Consideration and Action to approve February 2018 Accounts Payable.

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

BRIEFINGS:

16. City Manager's Report:

a. Revenue and Expense Report for February 2018

b. City and Project Updates

Georgia Vines gave a brief report on the Revenue and Expense Report for February 2018. Also discussed was the handicap ramp for the City Park, improvements for the play area for the children, and eventually restrooms for the park. Weed and Feed will be used to get rid of the sticker burrs. James Valadez, Interim Public Works Director, said they will be putting mulch down around the playground equipment. Mrs. Vines said they are looking at a paver to purchase since it was budgeted for at a previous meeting. Other discussion concerned the entrance and exit to Cactus Park.

17. City Secretary's Report

City Secretary, Debra Myers gave a brief report on Cancelling the Election.

18. Chief of Police Report

Jason Lee, Interim Police Chief, gave a brief report on Animal Control, Police Report, and covering neighborhoods more. More educational items will be put out in the public concerning ordinances and tags for pets. Carlos Valdez, Interim City Attorney, suggested creating a flyer with all of the information on it.

19. Code Enforcement Report

Nathaniel Valverde gave a brief report on Code Enforcement.

20. Public Works Report

James Valadez, Interim Public Works Director, gave a brief report on the parks, streets, sewer, water and gas departments. Mr. Valadez is working on his education and training, and Rudy Galindo has his water license now. They are still holding their safety meetings on Mondays.

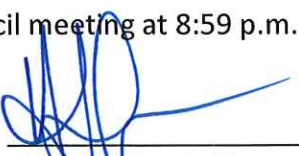
21. Adjournment

Mayor Andrew Garza adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:59 p.m.

ATTEST:


Debra L. Myers, City Secretary

SIGNED:


Andrew Garza, Mayor

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