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Georgia A. Vines

# City of George West

**Mayor**  
Andrew Garza

**City Secretary**  
Debra L. Myers

**Interim City Attorney**  
Carlos Valdez



**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
Jearl Rannefeld

**Council**  
Kitley Wasicek  
Patricia Clifton  
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## Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes – June 14, 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, Patricia Clifton, and Rindle Wilson.

**Council Absent:** None

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

**Attorney Present:** Carlos Valdez

**Guest Present:** See Sign-in Sheet.

III. **Glynis Strause, Building Standards Board Chairman**, 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**

There were no Public Comments.

VII. **Announcements and Correspondence**

a. **Farmers and Artisans Market – Saturday, July 21, 2018**

It was announced that the Farmers and Artisans Market will be cancelled for the months of July and August due to the hot temperatures. Glynis Strause said that there will be a gospel music program at the Dobie West Theater on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for donations. There will be five area choirs. She invited everyone to come.

Mayor Garza invited any of the ministers or priests from the local churches to come and give the opening invocation. He said to pass the word to call Georgia Vines, City Manager, if they are interested.

Mrs. Vines said the pool is open now, and we have ten lifeguards working for the City now. Mayor Garza said that the welding competition was a real success. He got to meet with the Vice President of Campus Operations. They loved it here and said everyone was so friendly. They are talking about having it here again next year. They may even do a brisket cook-off and expanding it next year.

Glynis Strause said the Live Oak County Historical Commission has an Oral History Workshop this weekend. They are looking for people who can tell the stories about the city, the people, and about our founders for Storyfest. They will now record and print the stories. They will be in the libraries, on the Historical Commission website, the Dobie Theater website, and the Storyfest website.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** In accordance with Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

**Consultation with Attorney on Council Policies/Open Meetings Act**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a motion to move as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion carried. The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m.

2. **Reconvene in Open Session.**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to Reconvene. Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a motion to move as read, seconded by Council Member Rindle Wilson. All in favor. Motion carried. The City Council Reconvened at 7:47 p.m. There was no action to be taken.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

3. **Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:**
  - a. 03-15-18 Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes
  - b. 04-09-18 Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes
  - c. 04-19-18 Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes
  - d. 04-28-18 Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes
  - e. 05-17-18 Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes
4. **Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 851, amending Ordinance No. 801, revoking Section 23 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances and adopting the 2018 Edition of the International Codes for Building, Residential, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel, Electrical, Property Maintenance, and Existing Building.**
5. **Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 853, amending Ordinance No. 657-E, revising rates for the provision of solid waste service; providing for the repeal of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing a severability clause; and providing for an**

effective date and publication.

6. **Consideration and Action to approve the City Manager to attend TCMA Annual Conference and Training on June 21-25, 2018.**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to move as read, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. All in favor. Motion carried. Consent Agenda approved.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

7. **Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution 2018-08, an Intervention Resolution concerning AEP 2019 Texas' Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor (EECRF) Case.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to move as read, seconded by Council Member Pat Clifton. Mrs. Vines said that this is just housekeeping. They want a new resolution every year. Carlos Valdez, Interim City Attorney, said this resolution just helps the attorneys collect their fees. The City doesn't pay anything. It is how they justify their fee that they are charging AEP. Mrs. Vines asked Mr. Valdez what would happen if the City did not participate. He said that if all of the cities did not do this then the rates might go up. They are the watchdog. Mayor Garza called for a vote to Adopt Resolution 2018-08. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **BUSINESS:**

8. **Presentation: Maximum five-minute presentation from the Non-Profit organization applicants requesting donations on the city utility bill for the year 2018.**

**a. Boys & Girls Club of Live Oak County**

Executive Director of the Live Oak County Boys & Girls Club, John Corkill, spoke of his excitement about addressing the City Council about the Boys & Girls Club, but he also had a heavy heart about the passing of Lisa Jackson, one of their most staunch supporters and greatest benefactor. He said she did so much good for the George West community. He said they have improved and expanded the food program, and joined the Spurs Youth Basketball League (endorsed by the Spurs Organization, "Silver and Black Give Back"). Another program is the Triple Play Program (mind, body, and soul), which teaches them all aspects of mental, physical, and good social skills). They would be very interested in utilizing the pool if they can get some transportation.

**b. Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre**

Lamon Bennett, a director of Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre, said thank you for making this program possible. It brought them \$2,000.00, and he appreciates our City for contributing to this program. Kristin Gerth, President of the Dobie West Board, and she said they are here to promote live, quality theater in our community. They bring in live programs every month, and they focus on programs for the children. They offer the facility for the school to use. They operate on a shoe-string budget, so they appreciate the opportunity to collect the donations. Glynis Strause added that people come in from all over such as Kenedy, Beeville, Duval County, Jim Wells County, and McMullen County

for plays, etc. They are part of their patronage and email list. Dobie West Theatre is the only performing theater south of San Antonio to the Valley and that is unique, Mrs. Strause added.

**c. Live Oak County Child Welfare, Inc. (Sunshine Room)**

Kathy Campbell could not make it in time due to a travel engagement.

**d. Unify to Beautify**

Grace Wilson said thank you for working with them, and they look forward to working with the City again. People are noticing the pretty pots they are placing around the city. Leslie Walker added her appreciation for the City Council and the community for helping them with their projects. They are focusing on downtown. They are working on a marker for Geronimo with bench and landscaping, installing a metal sign at the City Park, adding more planters downtown, and installing eight solar lamp posts. Ms. Walker said they are making improvements to promote pride in the community.

**9. Consideration and Action to select the Non-Profit Organizations for donations on City Utility Bills for the year 2018, effective July 2018 utility billing through June 2019 utility billing.**

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Pat Clifton, seconded by Council Member Rindle Wilson. All applicants will be added to the utility bill. All in favor. Motion carried.

**10. Consideration and Action on the location of the George West Splash Pad.**

A motion was made to move as read by Council Member Pat Clifton. Agenda Item #10 failed due to lack of a second.

**11. Consideration and Action to approve May 2018 Accounts Payable.**

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

**BRIEFINGS:**

**12. City Manager's Report:**

- a. Revenue and Expense Report for May 2018** – She is still looking for volunteers for their Investment Committee. She needs a council member, a finance officer, two citizens who live in the city, and Mrs. Vines will form the committee. They will meet quarterly. It should be put on the agenda for the next City Council meeting.
- b. City and Project Updates** – The pool is up and running. Mrs. Vines said she doesn't have an accurate count of pool users. By next month, she will have a week by week count of numbers. A council member started a Pool Facebook Page. A survey was conducted asking if people were interested in two mornings a week for Senior Swim, and two evenings a week that is set aside to be available for parties for adult parties to swim. The hours normally open is 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The parties are from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Vines has received positive comments from citizens that are glad that the pool is open now. Mrs. Vines said that we are making a little on the concessions. We furnish the lifeguards water for free, and it is 50 cents for the public. Swimmers can stay in for an hour and then

get out for five minutes. This way the lifeguards can cool off. Eventually, the cover will be expanded in some form for more protection from the sun. Mrs. Vines is working on the entrance/exit to the park. She asked TXDOT for a street light, but she has also asked them for a larger curb cut to the entrance/exit to the park.

**13. Questions or Briefings at the City Council's Request:**

- a. City Secretary
- b. Chief of Police
- c. Voluntary Fire Department
- d. Code Enforcement

Nathaniel Valverde was asked about the buildings to be demolished downtown. He said he is gathering more information. Georgia Vines said that she has contacted the Corp of Engineers who helped Robstown. She will be receiving information on how to apply for assistance through the Corp of Engineers.

**e. Public Works**

Glynis Strause added that the Live County Community Forum meet every third Friday of the month at 8:00 a.m. On even months, they meet in George West at Dairy Queen and on odd months, they meet in Three Rivers at City Hall. It is a great way to repeat information and events.

Carlos Valdez gave his idea of the adult swim name to be Super Senior Sunset Swim! Everyone liked it!

**14. Adjournment**

Mayor Andrew Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Debra Myers  
Debra L. Myers, City Secretary

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SIGNED:

Andrew Garza  
Andrew Garza, Mayor



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## REGULAR SESSION

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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