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Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2018

I. The City Council met in Special Session with **Mayor Andrew Garza** calling the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. **Roll Call** by City Secretary Maria Hernandez.

Council Present: Mayor Andrew Garza, Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, Council Members Kitley Wasicek, Patricia Clifton, and Rindle Wilson. A quorum was present.

Staff Present: Maria Hernandez, Georgia Vines, James Valadez, Jason Lee, Nathaniel Valverde, Shirley Holm, and Octavio Diaz.

Attorney Present: Carlos Valdez

Guest Present: See Sign-in Sheet

III. Council Member Rindle Wilson gave the Invocation.

IV. City Secretary Maria Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

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VI. **Public Comments** were given by:

Mrs. Sandra Amoles

- She would like to see the Parks and Recreation employees a raise for all they do for the City. She feels they are overdue for a raise if it can be worked into the budget.

Mrs. Mary Margaret Campbell

- Gave the Mission Statement and purpose of the George West Storyfest.
- Mission Statement: The purpose of the George West Storyfest Association, Inc. is to provide a quality, family-oriented event; dedicated to preserving our rich heritage of storytelling. We believe storytelling to be the art of passing information from one generation to the next through various mediums including history, legends, folklore, music and dance. The arts reflect the past, enrich the present, and imagine the future.
- There is a two-fold existence for Storyfest: To promote the City of George West and to provide a major fundraising opportunity for the local area and non-profit groups.
- Thanked the City Council for their continued support all of the 30 years for Storyfest. She said it takes a whole community effort to put Storyfest together.
- Mrs. Campbell gave the highlights of the Storyfest program.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence:

- a) Storyfest on November 3, 2018
- b) Athletic Booster Fundraiser at the Buck West House – August 24, 2018 (test-driving vehicles from local dealership)
- c) Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser Saturday, August 18th at the George West Cafeteria about 8:30 a.m. It's \$10.00 at the door.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Council Member Patricia Clifton.

All in favor. Motion carried to suspend the rules.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Discussion on the current city website and its cost. (Rannefeld)

The City's contract is up on 10-12-2018 and we are paying \$900.00 quarterly which is \$3,600.00 a year. Mayor Pro-Tem Rannefeld found other options. A three-year contract would be from 10-13-18 through 10-13-21 for \$2,500.00 a year. Maria Hernandez, City Secretary gave a synopsis of Word Press costing \$99.00 per month.

2. Discussion on the Emergency Management Plan revision as presented by Emergency Management Coordinator, Gene Chapline.

City Manager, Georgia Vines, said there is no discussion, but the Emergency Plan has to be signed every ten years. She has the paperwork to be signed by Mayor Garza. Mr. Chapline provided Mrs. Vines with the updated version. Mrs. Vines said she could turn it into a pdf version to post on the website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

3. Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:

- a. 07-26-2018 Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes

4. Consideration and Action for the temporary closure of streets on November 1st, 2018 through November 5th, 2018, for the 30th Annual Storyfest Event, in accordance with the Traffic Management Plan, as recommended by the City of George West.

5. Consideration and Action to approve the George West Athletic Booster Club to use the parking lot in front of Buck West House on August 24, 2018 for a fundraiser, consisting of a local dealership bringing new vehicles for a test drive.

Maria Garza, City Secretary, requested that Agenda Item #3 be removed because the Minutes were not finished.

Mayor Garza called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Council Member Rindle Wilson

All in favor, motion carried.

Mayor Garza called for a motion for No Action on Agenda Item #3.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Council Member Rindle Wilson

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Council Member Patricia Clifton

All in favor to reinstate the rules at 6:51 p.m.

BUSINESS:

- 6. Consideration and Action to establish an Economic Development Board, consisting of five to seven citizens and/or business owners, with businesses within the City of George West territorial jurisdiction, appointed by Councils recommendations, for a term of 2 years. (Mayor Garza)**

Motion: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Second: Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld

Mayor Garza said that he would like to find some interested citizens who live inside the city limits of George West or that may live outside the city limits but own a business within the city limits that would be appointed by the City Council to serve on the Economic Development Board. Mrs. Maugie Freiley said there used to be a board, but the Mayor and City Manager at that time never showed up for the meetings. She said it started out great but ended up badly. City Council Member, Rindle Wilson also used to serve on the EDB with Mrs. Freiley. Mrs. Freiley spoke to many businesses, but there was no follow-up. She resigned her position.

Carlos Valdez, Interim City Attorney, said if you establish one and there is a lot of involvement, it can be a good thing, but you have to have cooperation. The difference between the Chamber of Commerce (CofC) and the Economic Development Board (EDB) is that the CofC works with existing businesses, and the EDB brings in other businesses from outside the City.

Once interested citizens are found, a Resolution can be created inserting their names, to go before the City Council for approval. There was some discussion on the budget for the EDB and how it would be set up.

Mayor Garza entertained a vote. All in favor, motion carried.

- 7. Consideration and Action to discontinue the current website service.**

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld

All in favor, motion carried.

8. Consideration and Action to authorize the search of a new website service/provider/host.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Council Member Patricia Clifton

All in favor, motion carried.

9. Consideration and Action to set date for citywide clean-up for the City of George West.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld

Discussion: After some discussion, it was decided that October 20, 2018, would be a good date for the citywide clean-up.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to Amend Agenda Item #9 to read: Consideration and Action to set October 20, 2018, from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for citywide clean-up for the City of George West.

Motion: Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld

Second: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

All in favor, Amended Agenda Item #9 carried.

10. Consideration and Action to Set dates for Budget Workshops.

Motion: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Second: Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld

Discussion: Georgia Vines proposed the first date to be Saturday, August 25, 2018, for the Budget Workshop. The tax rate has to be in the newspaper by September 1, 2018, and things have to be to the paper by Friday. It was decided that they would start at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Vines said that they need to have a Special meeting between the 27th and 31st to decide on the City's tax rate. On August 27, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. the City Council will meet to set the tax rate. Another Special meeting will be held on August 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. to approve the tax rate. Another Budget Workshop will be on September 8, 2018. Action items may be added to the September 8, 2018 Agenda.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to Amend Agenda Item #10 to read:

Consideration and Action to Set dates for Budget Workshops for August 25th, 9:00 a.m.;

Special Meeting on August 27th, 7:00 p.m.; Special Meeting on August 30th, 7:00 p.m.; and

Budget Workshop on September 8th, 9:00 a.m.

Motion: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Second: Council Member Jearl Rannefeld

All in favor, Amended Agenda Item #10 carried.

11. Consideration and Action on the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 847, Amendment No. 196, by Live Oak County (Judge Jim Huff) for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of

Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home on P. Guana ABST NO 193,11.78 acres.

At 6:44 p.m., Mayor Andrew Garza opened up a Public Hearing. This is the property that will have the cabana the County bought from the City to house EMS. There were no public comments so Mayor Garza closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Motion: Pro-Tem Mayor Jearl Rannefeld
Seconded: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Judge Jim Huff: The County hired the Waterman Construction Company from San Antonio will be constructing two buildings. One will be the JP on the east side of the Sheriff's Department, and the other will be located where the EMS is currently located. It will be for climate control storage and house our Extension Service. Judge Huff said that Part III will be the demolition of the old jail that was built in 1962. They will start preliminary work before the end of the month. The old jail houses three of our JPs. In 2020, we will be celebrating the 100th year anniversary of our Courthouse.

Mayor Garza called for a vote for Agenda Item #11. All if favor, motion carried.

12. Consideration and Action to appoint the members of the City of George West Investment Committee Board.

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek
Second: Pro-Tem Mayor Jearl Rannefeld

This was supposed to be a Resolution. It has already been passed. Mayor Garza entertained a motion for No Action on Agenda Item #12.

Motion: Pro-Tem Mayor Jearl Rannefeld
Second: City Council Member Patricia Clifton

All in favor, motion for No Action carried.

13. Consideration and Action to change the time of the Council Meetings to 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. (Councilperson Clifton)

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek
Second: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Carlos Valdez, Interim City Attorney, recommended that the time of the City Council meetings stay at 7:00 p.m. He suggested that the 6:30 p.m. time be put on the Consent Agenda prior to each Regular City Council meeting and try it for three months to make sure that everyone agrees with the 6:30 p.m. time before changing the policy permanently. Council Member Wasicek stated that she likes consistency and feels the 7:00 p.m. is better for those who work distances or have little children. Council Member Patricia Clifton said the City Council used to meet at 5:30 p.m., and she felt it would be better for those who travel a distance like Mr. Valdez.

Mayor Garza entertained a vote to Amend Agenda Item #13 to read:

Consideration and Action to change the time of the September 2018 Council Meeting to 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld, Council Member Patricia Clifton, and Council Member Rindle Wilson voted Aye, and Council Member Kitley Wasicek voted Nay. Amended Agenda Item #13 carried.

Mayor Garza entertained a vote of Amended Agenda Item #13. Three Council Members voted Aye and one Council Member voted Nay so the time of the next City Council Meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. and it will go on the Consent Agenda next month.

14. Consideration and Action to accept the resignation of Andy Vela as Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission effective immediately.

Motion: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Second: Council Member Rindle Wilson

Mayor Andrew Garza appoints this position. He asked those who have any suggestions to please email Maria Hernandez, City Secretary. The co-chairman is Pam Woodmansee. Mrs. Vines said she would check on Mr. Vela's position.

All in favor, motion carried

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

Motion: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Second: Council Member Patricia Clifton

All in favor, motion carried.

16. Consideration and Action to approve June 2018 Account payable to Leigh Ann Ray.

Motion: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Second: Council Member Kitley Wasicek

Ms. Ray trained our lifeguards. She trained seven students at \$155.00 each but charge for nine. Also, two others passed for their certificate.

All in favor, motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

17. City Manager's Report:

- a. **Revenue and Expense Report for July 2018** – Shirley Holm gave a report of the expense report. The City has about \$500,000.00 in surplus with two more months to go until the end of the fiscal year. The City's expenses are lower than their revenue.

- b. **City and Project Updates** – Georgia Vines had a site visit from the Department of Agriculture. She will hold a conference call with TDHC once she gets the date from them. Mayor Garza asked about the background check for the Chief of Police. Mrs. Vines explained the process. Mrs. Vines wants to have at least one interview for the Public Works Director from Kenedy, Texas. She would like to have interviews during their 25th Workshop. The demolishing of buildings downtown is in the process. Glass will be taken away with a backhoe. Mrs. Vines said that she had posted the Municipal Court's Administrative position.

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

- a. City Secretary
- b. Volunteer Fire Department
- c. Code Enforcement
- d. Public Works
- e. Police Chief report

No questions were asked on Agenda Item #18.

19. Adjournment.

Motion to Adjourn by Council Member Rindle Wilson
Second by Council Member Patricia Clifton

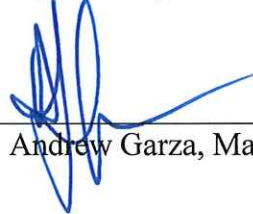
Mayor Andrew Garza adjourned the City Council meeting at 8:32 p.m.

ATTEST:



Maria Hernandez, City Secretary

SIGNED:



Andrew Garza, Mayor



PLEASE PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE
JIM HUFF	<i>Jim Huff</i>
JAMES VALDEZ	<i>James Valdez</i>
OCTAVO DIAZ	<i>Octavo Diaz</i>
MARY MARGARET CAMPBELL	<i>Mary Margaret Campbell</i>
SANDRA AMOLES	<i>Sandra Amoles</i>
NATIVIDA GOMEZ	<i>NATIVIDA GOMEZ</i>
JOHN WALKER	<i>John Walker</i>
MAUGIE FREILEY	<i>Maugie Freiley</i>
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