

City of George West, Texas

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Patricia Clifton
Rindle Wilson

Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2018

- I. The City Council met in Special Session with **Mayor Andrew Garza** calling the meeting to order.
- 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.

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Jason Lee and David Perkins

Attorney Present: Carlos Valdez

Guest Present: See sign-in Sheet.
- III. **Council Member Rindle Wilson** gave the Invocation.
- IV. **Maria Hernandez** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- V. **Maria Hernandez** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

BUSINESS:

1. **Applicants for Public Works Director, will be interviewed by the City Council in a question and answer format conducted in an Open Session. Each applicant will end their interview by briefly addressing the citizens of George West. (There will be no public participation.)**

First applicant: John Rodriguez

Mayor Garza explained that each councilmember will ask 3 questions, that will be asked to each applicant.

Mr. Rodriguez was born and raised in Kenedy, Texas. He is 55 years old, worked in public works for 27 years. Started from the bottom and worked his way up. Associate Municipal Judge with Kenedy, deals with offenders at the jail. Has two kids that live and work in Kenedy, he also takes

care of the cemetery.

Mr. Rodriguez answered all the questions asked by the council, and gave examples of his work in Kenedy.

Explained that with the experience he has he would be the best fit for the City of George West.

- Mayor entertained a motion to recess.
Motion: Rindle Wilson
Second: Jearl Rannefeld
- Motion carries, recessing at 9:55

- Mayor entertained motion to reconvene
Motion: Kitley Wasicek
Second: Rindle Wilson

- Council reconvened at 10:19

Second Applicant: Gabriel Morales

Mayor explained to him that he was going to be asked 3 questions by each councilmember. There will be no public participation.

Mr. Morales currently with Refugio, WWW superintendent. Started with the city of Sinton, in the street department. Mr. Morales was asked the same questions as Mr. Rodriguez. He describes what he does on a daily basis at his current job. He responded to all the questions that were asked and gave examples of how he does things in those situations.

Mr. Morales, explained why he thinks he would be the best fit for the job.

- Mayor entertained a motion to recess
Motion: Kitley Wasicek
Second: Jearl Rannefeld
- Motion carries, recess at 10:53

- Council reconvened at 11:22

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

Deliberation on the selection of the Public Works Director

- Mayor entertained motion to enter executive session
Motion: Jearl Rannefeld
Second: Pat Clifton

- Council entered executive session at 11:23

- Mayor entertained motion to reconvene
Motion: Kitley Wasicek
Second: Pat Clifton
All in favor motion carries.

3. Reconvene in Open Session at 12:11

4. Consideration and Action to select an applicant for the Public Works Director position pending background check and other employment related requirements.

- Mayor entertained motion to select an applicant for the Public Works Director
Motion: Kitley Wasicek
Second: Pat Clifton

Open for discussion Kitley Wasicek would like to keep the application process open.

- Mayor entertained motion for no action.
Motion: Kitley Wasicek
Second: Jearl Rannefeld
All in favor motion carries to keep the application process open.

Budget Workshop

- a. Discussion on the Fiscal Year October 1,2018 to September 30,2019 budget. (In conjunction with the Open Meetings Act, there will be NO Citizen Participation during the workshop.)

Georgia Vines wants to know where the council stands on property tax. Georgia, wants to go down on taxes, with revenue staying the same. We have an extra sales tax that was voted on in the 70's that allows the city to keep it's property taxes fairly low. Mr. Wilson, thinks we are working backwards. Wants to know if we raise the taxes where are we going to spend the money. Wants to know each departments budget, and who is going to get pay raises, before we decide to set a tax rate. Ms. Vines explains that the rollback rate is .054219. There is a very fine line between the rollback rate, and the city's tax rate. Mayor asked Chief Perkins, how they figured this out at his previous job. Chief Perkins, says they would start it with the budget, but he could not explain in detail how they figured out all of the numbers. School taxes are going to raise, due to not getting grants that they were anticipating. Pat Clifton, wants to know why we are not working on the budget sooner? Pat Clifton, says they need to be informed to make sure we are all covered. Next year they would like to start the budget sooner. Ms. Vines stated that she started the budget back in April, but she could not access some of the financial reports she needed in a timely manner. Mayor says we have certain deadlines to meet, we cannot go any further with budget until we decide on a tax rate. Mr. Wilson, wants to have every departments budget in sooner in the coming year, so they city is not in the same position. Ms. Wasicek, explains that it has been a crazy year and people have rolled through this place. Ms. Vines, explains what they would generate if they raised the taxes. Mr. Wilson, wants to make it clear that we are

NOT lowering taxes, just the tax rate. Mr. Wilson would like a date to put on the next agenda when each department has to complete their budget.

5. Adjournment.

- Mayor entertained motion to adjourn
Motion: Rindle Wilson
Second: Kitley Wasicek
All in favor motion carries.

ATTEST:



Maria Hernandez, City Secretary

SIGNED:



Andrew Garza, Mayor

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