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Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes -November 5, 2018

- I. The City Council met in Special Session with Mayor Andrew Garza calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call by Deputy City Secretary Noelia Martinez:

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

Council Absent: Council Member Patricia Clifton

Staff Present: William Cox, Noelia Martinez, Chief David Perkins and Brigham Bonnell

Attorney Present: Carlos Valdez
- III. Council Member Rindle Wilson gave the Invocation.
- IV. Deputy City Secretary Noelia Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.
- V. Deputy City Secretary Noelia Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.

BUSINESS:

1. Consideration and Action to appoint Jerry Higgins as the George West Public Works Director.

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

Administer Oath of Office to newly appointed Public Works Director

Mayor Andrew Garza administered the Oath of Office to Jerry Higgins.

- 2. Consideration and Action to allow the George West ISD to utilize two (2) standard porta-cans and two (2) ADA compliant porta-cans.**

Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a motion to move as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld.

Open for Discussion: Interim City Manager William Cox informed the City Council that Mr. Chapa with G.W.I.S.D. said they are hosting the Special Olympics for 14 other area schools on November 14 and that the school cannot accommodate the influx with ADA facilities. Mr. Cox also informed the City Council that the City has provided the porta-cans before.

All in favor. Motion carried.

- 3. Consideration and Action to approve, the second reading of Ordinance No. 859 amending the current rates and charges for natural gas for commercial consumers and providing for the inclusion of churches within the rate structure.**

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

- 4. Consideration and Action to approve the Amendment to Contract Labor Agreement, as prepared by the interim City Manager, increasing Shirley Holmes hourly wage from \$20 dollars per hour to \$25 dollars per hour.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to move as read, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek.

Mayor Andrew Garza said that Shirley Holm was no longer a contract employee but a part time employee because she no longer got paid through Accounts Payable but through Payroll, so the pay raise did not have to go through the City Council since it is not a contract but that it fell under the Interim City Manager and he could approve the pay raise.

Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld made a motion for No Action on Agenda Item #4, seconded by Council Member Kitley Wasicek. All in favor for No Action. Motion carried.

- 5. Consideration and Action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the City of George West for the onsite sewage facility program.**

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

- 6. Discussion on project updates by the interim City Manager.**

Interim City Manager William Cox briefed the City Council on the following projects:

Splash Pad – Mr. Cox said he got a hold of the Project Manager because several people were inquiring about the status of the Splash Pad and that the invoice does not match what they saw out at the Park, so Mr. Cox and the Project Manager went thru line by line on what we have and what we don't have. They still owe us the control panel and training. Mr. Cox said he wants the training filmed because of the complexity of the device. There are five packages on this project and four of them are 100 percent complete and we are on the final package which is at 80 percent complete. Part of the reason the Splash Pad is not complete is because the City has to run water, sewer and electrical to the control panel and that the employees have not had a chance to do that because of other city projects, rain, Story Fest and that Mr. Higgins said there were other priorities such as water breaks and sewer issues but that it's on our radar to complete the Splash Pad.

Organizational Chart – Mr. Cox said some Council Members were requesting an organizational chart and he compiled a chart and that it will change as we restructure.

City-wide Cleanup – Mr. Cox said we will check with Republic and see how many containers we are getting and hopefully will reschedule the cleanup before the Thanksgiving holiday.


7. Discussion on continuing the process for filling the position of City Manager.

Mayor Andrew Garza read the letter of resignation of Interim City Manager William Cox. Mr. Cox informed the City Council that he accepted a job offer and will be starting his new job next Tuesday and that he wants to help the City on the process in hiring a city manager. Mr. Cox discussed the proposal he has on the best vetting process for a quality long term city manager. The City Council looked over the applications and the excel sheet Mr. Cox created on each applicant and the City Council decided on three applicants they want to interview. The City Council asked Mr. Cox to call the three applicants (Cynthia Northrop, Ronnie Guest and Andy Joslin) and see if they can come in on Monday, November 12, 2018 for an interview for the full-time position. Mr. Cox will have an alternative plan for Interim City Manager position in case they do not hire the full-time city manager on Monday and he plans to be here for the November 12, 2018 meeting.

8. Adjournment.

Mayor Andrew Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Noelia Martinez
Deputy City Secretary

SIGNED:


Andrew Garza
Mayor

