

City Manager
Vacant

City of George West

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Maria Hernandez

Mayor Pro-Tem
Jearl Rannefeld

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SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 23, 2018

- I. The City Council met in a Special Session with Mayor Andrew Garza calling the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- 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, David Perkins, Shirley Holm

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 Flag of the United States.
- V. **City Secretary Maria Hernandez** led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.

BUSINESS:

1. Applicants for Interim City manager, 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.)

Mr. William Cox

- * Mayor Andrew Garza states that another applicant should be arriving at 7:30pm.
- * Mayor Garza welcomes William Cox to George West.
- * Mayor Garza explains the question and answer format that will be conducted.
- * Mayor Garza asks William Cox to tell us a little bit about himself.
- * William Cox states that he is a second-generation firefighter.
- * William Cox states he is from the North Houston area. He lived and worked there for four years of his life. It is where he became a junior volunteer firefighter. He believes that is where he got that "service heart." From the age of 14, he knew he wanted to be a firefighter. Being a firefighter took him all through the municipal government. Starting with being a volunteer firefighter to Captain with the City of Humble, the Assistant Chief with the City of Brady, Fire Chief for Aransas Pass, and most recently he was the Fire Advisor for the world's

largest oil and gas company in Saudi Arabia.

* William Cox states his passion is second to none for municipal service. He spent a small time in the private sector, and he states that he likes to be part of something big and that there is nothing bigger than the worlds' largest oil and gas company which has the roots and values that he's working for and the community involvement.

*William Cox states that in his personal time he likes running, cycling, swimming, and triathlons.

*Mayor Garza thanks him and says they are ready to proceed with the interview process.

*Mr. Cox answered the council questions and briefly addressed the residents of George West.

*Mayor Garza entertained a motion to recess:

Motion: Council Member Rindle Wilson

Second: Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld

Motion carries, recessing at 7:40pm

Mr. David Matkin

*Mayor Garza explains the question and answer format that will be conducted.

*Mayor Garza welcome David Matkin to George West.

*Mayor Garza asks to tell us a little bit about himself.

*David Matkin states that he lives in Live Oak County in the City of Simmons. He has been here all his life.

*David Matkin states that for the past ten years. or so he has been mainly in the construction business. He ran construction companies, mainly dirt work companies. He also states that he has done a lot of oil field recovery work. He has managed lots of people in a lot of different situations. He states that there is probably not one single personnel situation that could come up that he has not already come across in some sort of fashion.

*David Matkin states that all his jobs tend to be away from here and this position would give him the opportunity to be closer.

*Mayor Garza thanks him and says they are ready to proceed with the interview process.

*Mr. Cox answered the council questions and briefly addressed the residents of George West.

*Mayor Garza thanks Mr. Matkin for coming there tonight.

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 City of George West Interim City Manager

Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a motion to move as read, seconded by Patricia Clifton. The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:16pm.

3. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion to Reconvene in open session by Council Member Kitley Wasicek, second by Council Member Patricia Clifton. All in favor, motion carried.

4. Consideration and Action to select, appoint and set compensation for the Interim City Manager pending background check and other employment related requirements. (Oath of Office to be administered by Mayor)

*Council Member Kitley Wasicek moved to Amend Agenda Item number four to select William Cox as the Interim City Manager effective immediately with the exempt salary of \$65,000 a year to include temporary living accommodations.

*Mayor Garza states he has a motion from Council Member Kitley Wasicek to Amend to select William Cox as the Interim City Manager effective immediately with the exempt salary of \$65,000 a year to include temporary living accommodations.

* Council Member Rindle Wilson second.

*Mayor Garza opens for discussion. No discussion. Call for a vote.

* Unanimous vote. Motion is Amended.

*Mayor Garza clarifies what 'temporary living accommodations' means.

*Mayor Garza states they hopefully will fill the full-time position of City Manager within six weeks.

*Mayor Garza calls for a vote – unanimous vote: motion carried.

*Mayor Garza administers the Oath of Office to William Cox as Interim City Manager

*Mayor Garza states they will be adjourning into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation within the City and that there will be no decisions made afterwards. He states this is just to get an update from Mr. Valdez.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel Matters), and Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

a) Potential Litigation

*Mayor Garza entertains a motion to Reconvene.

*Council Member Kitley Wasicek made a motion.

* Council Member Rindle Wilson seconds


*All in favor

*Record shows Reconvened at 9:40pm.

6. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza adjourned the meeting at 9:40pm.

ATTEST:


Maria Hernandez, City Secretary

SIGNED:


Andrew Garza, Mayor