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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- August 15, 2019

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

II. Roll Call by Interim City Secretary D'Ann Lane

Council Present: Mayor Andrew Garza, Council Members Kitley Wasicek, Patricia Clifton, and Rindle Wilson was not present during roll call but arrived shortly after at 6:38 p.m.

Council Absent: Jearl Rannefeld

Staff Present: D'Ann Lane, Shirley Holm, Pete Pena, Haley Maywald, Jimmy Loya, and Chief David Perkins

Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi

Guest Present: See Sign-In Sheet.

III. Ray Harris gave the invocation.

IV. Interim City Secretary D'Ann Lane, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

V. Interim City Secretary D'Ann Lane, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

VI. Public Comments

Public Comments were made by Sandra Amoles, she has questions on when Austin and Guadalupe Street, will be worked on. She also wants to know why the Police Department, needs new cars. Mrs. Amoles, thinks that changing the graphics on the Police Department vehicles is a waste of tax payer money.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Mayor Andrew Garza, announced the Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre will feature Dion Pride, Son of Legendary Country Music Hall of Famer, Charley Pride, on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Glynis Strause, explained a little about what the different performers coming to the Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre, in the next few months.
- b) Mayor Andrew Garza, announced the Band Boosters Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will be on Saturday, August 17, 2019, 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at the George West Cafeteria.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the September City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Andrew Garza, asked if anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried and consent agenda was approved.

PRESENTATIONS:

2. **Presentation by Glynis Strause regarding the 2019 Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds.**

A presentation was given by Glynis Strause. She wants to preserve the idea that George West, is the Storytelling Capital of Texas. The fair board has approved A Day of Stories, it will be just Storytelling, has nothing to do with Dobie Dichos. They are trying to get food trucks to participate. They are asking for \$5000.00 of Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds money.

BUSINESS:

3. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Disbursement of 2019 Hotel Occupancy Monies in the amount of \$5000.00 to Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre, IRS 501(c)3 Organization, for, "The Day of Stories."

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. There was no more discussion on the previous agenda item. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

4. **Consideration and Action** to set the 2019 Proposed Property Tax Rate.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion.

Shirley Holm, informed the council on how her meeting with Debra Morin, went. They calculated the tax rates. The appraised value went up slightly. Last year's tax rate was 0.53249, the effective tax rate is 0.50535, and the rollback tax rate is 0.54139. The difference would increase revenue by \$51,381.00 if they were to go with the rollback tax rate. The rollback is an increase of .008900 of the tax rate. Mrs. Holm, recommends to use 100% of the difference for streets. Mayor Garza called for a roll call vote.

Place 1 Kitley Wasicek- Aye
Place 2/Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld- not present
Place 3 Patricia Clifton- Aye
Place 4 Rindle Wilson- Aye
Mayor Andrew Garza- Aye

Passed Unanimously.

5. Consideration and Action to set dates and times for Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2019-2020 Tax Rate.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Kitley Wasicek. Open for discussion. The council discussed what days would work with their schedules to set the Public Hearings. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend Agenda item #5 by at the end of tax rate insert as follows: September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and September 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Rindle Wilson. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda item #5 Consideration and Action to set dates and times for Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2019-2020 Tax Rate as follows: September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and September 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Consideration and Action to set dates and times for FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget Public Hearings.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Kitley Wasicek. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #6 by at the end of Public Hearings to insert as follows: September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #6 Consideration and Action to set dates and times for FY 2019-2020 Proposed Budget Public Hearings as follows: September 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried

7. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for Interim Public Works Director of \$26.00 per hour effective immediately.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Rindle Wilson. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm, spoke on behalf of Pete Pena. She gave the council an update on everything that Pete, has been doing for the city. He is familiar with every area of work that a Public Works Director, needs to know. Mr. Pena, is completing all the projects started by Jr. Higgins. Has gone through 2 Railroad Commission Audits, he is a great person to work with. Mr. Pena, is homegrown, and is more than willing to stay in the position. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

8. **Consideration and Action** to purchase one (1) 2019 Dodge Charger, V8 Engine, from Defender Supply for the George West Police Department to include all emergency equipment and Police vehicle accessories in the amount of \$45,524.73.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Chief, gave the council an update on his plans with the new vehicle. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Consideration and Action** purchase one (1) 2019 Dodge Charger, V6 Engine, from Defender Supply for the George West Police Department in the amount of \$39,763.96

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Chief, let the council know that this vehicle is a V6 engine. It will be given to Sergeant Shelton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

10. **Consideration and Action** to purchase one (1) Police Pursuit 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe, from Defender Supply for the George West Police Department to include Police vehicle accessories and graphics in the amount of \$53,937.36.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. This vehicle will be on patrol exclusively. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. **Consideration and Action** to purchase one (1) Scag SCZ61V-31FX Cheetah Mower from Ewald Kubota, Inc., in the amount of \$9,360.00.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mr. Pena, gave the council an update⁴ on the mowers he wants to purchase. The price is cheaper than what was anticipated. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Consideration and Action** to purchase one (1) 60 HP Pump for Water Well #3, Pump #3 to replace Paco Pump, from Davenport Electric Motors in the amount of \$12,918.75.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. This was talked about during the budget workshop. The current pump is leaking about 13,000 gallons a day, more when it is running. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for July 2019

Move read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

14. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for July 2019.
- b) City and Project Updates

Shirley Holm, gave the council her updates. We are currently in the 10th month. We should be at about 83% of our budget with expenditures and we are at 74-75%. We are under budget for expenditures. We will have paid all of our debt for this fiscal year at the end of August. We are in the black with all funds with a total of \$512,918.63. We currently have a surplus of \$318,667.02. After the purchases that were approved we should still be at a \$200,000.00 surplus for this fiscal year. The SCADA system was installed on July 22, and it is close to being completed. The swimming pool classes are still a success with 15-20 participants.


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

- a) Code Enforcement
- b) Public Works
- c) Police Chief Report
- d) Animal Control

16. Adjournment

Mayor Garza, adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

ATTEST:


D'Ann Lane, Interim City Secretary

SIGNED:


Andrew Garza, Mayor

August 15, 2019

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