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Mayor Pro-Tem
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Council
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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 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, Jearl Rannefeld, and Rindle Wilson

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: D'Ann Lane, Shirley Holm, JR Higgins, Haley Maywald, and Chief David Perkins

Attorney Present: Epi Ysassi

Guest Present: See Sign-In Sheet.
- III. Rindle Wilson 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 Ivy Arroyo, from MVBA. Mr. Arroyo, came to thank the council for years of contracting with the city. He explained that the city has had a lot of turnover since 2015. He also declined to keep collecting on utilities on behalf of the company.

Public comments were also made by Sandra Amoles, she wanted to know where

the city stands on the employee raises. She said some employees have still not received a raise. Another issue she was concerned about was with Animal Control, she wants to make sure anyone taking calls has the right qualifications.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Mayor Andrew Garza, announced National Police Week is May 12-19, 2019.
- b) Shirley Holm, announced that our Memorial Day Service, will be held at the George West City Park.
- c) Introduction of new Republic Services Manager, Kristian Santos.
- d) Haley Maywald, announced that the George West Animal Shelter received the Maddie's Grant in the amount of \$1,000 for vaccinations upon intake.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
 - a.) Regular Session City Council Meeting – 4-16-2019.
- 2. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.
- 3. **Consideration and Action** to approve a Proclamation proclaiming May 2019 as Community Action Month in the City of George West.

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.

BUSINESS:

- 4. **Consideration and Action** to Administer Oath of Office to reelected Mayor and City Council Members.

Andrew Garza-Mayor
Jearl Rannefeld- City Council Place 2
Rindle Wilson-City Council Place 4

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The oaths were administered to each of the Council Members, and Mayor Garza.

- 5. **Consideration and Action** to select a Mayor Pro-Tem

Mayor to administer oath.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Rindle Wilson, nominated Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #5 by inserting after the word select Jearl Rannefeld as striking the word a and adding as. Kitley Wasicek moved to amend agenda item #5, seconded by Rindle Wilson. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #5

Consideration and Action to select Jearl Rannefeld as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried. Oath was administered by Mayor Garza.

PRESENTATIONS:

6. Presentation by AEP.

AEP, gave a presentation stating that they were going to ask for a rate increase. They are seeking 38.3 million. A household using 1000 kilowatts a month will see a reduction of \$4.75 a month. In October 2020, households using 1000 kilowatts would see a decrease of \$8.75 a month. This would give AEP an opportunity to reset their base rates. AEP Texas, recommends that the City deny the rate increase.

7. Presentation by Linebarger Attorneys at Law.

Attorney Steven Saucedo, gave a presentation for Linebarger Attorneys at Law. Mr. Saucedo, gave the council an update on how their firm works, and why the city should hire them. Their size is their strength, they have a stand alone IT center stand alone mail center. They have over 1,200 employees and over 120 attorneys. Their call center is located in San Antonio, they bring more muscle to get the job done.

ORDINANCES:

- 8. PUBLIC HEARING. Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 861, Amendment No. 197, request by Elida Cantu for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home on Reyes Block 9, ½ of lot 14. (Commonly known as 500 Cemetery Road, George West.)

Public hearing opened at 7:10 p.m. Public hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

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

- 9. PUBLIC HEARING Consideration and Action** to approve Ordinance No. 862, denying AEP Texas' request for approval of its base rates increase, and finding existing rates and charges to be just and reasonable.

Public hearing opened at 7:11 p.m. Public hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

- 10. Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution 2019-04 changing the Live Oak County Appraisal District Fiscal Year to a Calendar Year.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm, informed the council that the Appraisal District, has always had a fiscal year. In 2010 a law was changed to require them to begin implementing calendar years. The office has not yet made the change so they were not in compliance. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

- 11. Consideration and Action** to surplus additional certain property owned by the City of George West, as described in the attached document GW-2019-001.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Rindle Wilson. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, went over the additional property that Municipal Court no longer needed. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 12. Consideration and Action** to change the City of George West Auction date for June 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Chief Perkins, informed the council that the vehicles and their VIN numbers needed to be posted twice in The Progress, as a public notice. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 13. Consideration and Action** to approve a letter from the Interim City Manager Shirley Holm, ending the contract between the City of George West and MVBA.

- c) Police Chief Report
- d) Animal Control

Mr. Higgins, gave an update that the city will be sending out letters to the customers because they need to change some valves at plant 3 it will have to be at night. There may be a possibility of loss of water, pressure, or both. The SCADA system should be up and running pretty soon.

Chief Perkins, gave an update on the Police Department, they now have the prescription med box. It is inside, so it is secure. The court is now giving the Police Department, signed warrants and taking them to the Sheriffs Department so they can be brought in to take care of their citations.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to take a short recess. Motion was made by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Council recessed at 8:07 p.m.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Council reconvened at 8:24 p.m.

- 19. Applicants** for City Secretary, 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.)

D'Ann Lane, was interviewed by the council. Each council member asked a series of questions. Mayor Garza, asked his questions at the end of the interview. Ms. Lane, then gave a closing statement addressing the citizens of George West.

- 20. Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION.** In accordance with Section 551.074 (Personnel matters) the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a) City Secretary applicants.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to enter executive session. Move as read by Patricia Clifton, seconded by Kitley Wasicek. Council entered executive session at 8:49 p.m.

- 21. Reconvene in Open Session**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Council reconvened at 9:24 p.m.

- 22. Consideration and Action** to appoint an applicant as the George West City Secretary, for an annual salary to be determined by council.

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