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# City of George West



**Mayor**  
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## **REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES- November 18, 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 City Secretary D'Ann Lane.

Council Present: Mayor Andrew Garza, Council Members Kitley Wasicek, Patricia Clifton, and Jearl Rannefeld.

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Shirley Holm, D'Ann Lane, Yolanda Guerrero, Pete Pena, and Chief David Perkins

Attorney Present: NONE

Guests Present: See Sign-In Sheet

**III.** Grace Wilson, gave the invocation.

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

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

**VI.** Public Comments

Public comments were made by Mr. Richard Galloway, he has friends visiting and wants permission to park a motorhome on his property.

**VII.** Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Lighting of the Park, December 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
- b) City Hall will be closed November 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
- c) GoTexan Fundraiser December 7, 2019 at Live Oak County Coliseum.

Mayor Garza, announced the events happening in the upcoming month.

**Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to suspend the rules move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Rules are suspended. Move on to #7**

## **BUSINESS:**

1. **Applicant(s) for City Council Place 4, will be interviewed by the City Council in a question and answer format conducted in Open Session. Each applicant will end their interview by briefly addressing the citizens of George West. (There will be NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)**

**John Walker, gave the council an update on what he has done for the community. He has a special interest in this town because it is home to him and his 3 children. He has gained experience, but is always learning. The council asked questions to Mr. Walker. He has been a member of the George West Independent School District Board, for 13 years. He said in this role he got more than he gave with that role. With his experience as a realtor this will help develop the city to make more homes, to bring more people to town.**

2. **Consideration and Action to appoint an applicant to the City Council Place 4 vacant position.**

**Move as read Patricia Clifton , seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion.**

**Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #2 by striking an applicant and replacing with John Walker. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld, seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended agenda item #2**

**Consideration and Action to appoint John Walker, to the City Council Place 4 vacant position.**

**Move as read Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Called for a vote. Motion Carried.**

**Mayor Garza, administered the oath of office.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

3. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the December City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.
4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
  - a) **Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes 09-12-2019.**
  - b) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 10-21-2019.**

**Mayor Garza, pulled consent agenda item #3. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Consent Agenda passes.**

#### **Agenda item #3**

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

**Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. The council talked about the date of the next City Council Meeting December 19<sup>th</sup>, is going to be the December City Council Meeting. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

### **ORDINANCES:**

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance **No. 869**, AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 826 OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF CITY PERSONNEL POLICIES SECTION IV (EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION, SUBSECTION J COMPENSATION PLAN).

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

### **BUSINESS:**

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve a Contractor for the TxCDBG Contract No. 7218161, Wastewater Improvement Project #160686.

**Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Grady Atkinson, gave the council an update on what this bid was for. They had the bid opening on October 31, 2019. We received 5 bids. Out of the 5 bids. PM Construction and Rehab was the least amount at \$186,039 for the base bid and # 1 and alt #2 came in at 46,862.00. The total bid was \$232,901.00. The budget for this grant was \$253,200.**

Mr. Atkinson, said they are a good company, they have worked with them before in other cities.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #6. to strike to approve a contractor for the TxCDBG Contract No. 7218161, wastewater improvement project #160686 and replace with to award construction contract for TxCDBG Contract No. 7218161, sewer lines replacement, manholes replacement, and rehabilitation grant to PM Construction and Rehab LLC doing business as IPR South Central for project no. 160686. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. AGENDA ITEM #6 AMENDED

#### **Amended Agenda Item #6**

**Consideration and Action** to award construction contract for TxCDBG Contract No. 7218161, sewer lines replacement, manholes replacement, and rehabilitation grant to PM Construction and Rehab LLC doing business as IPR South Central for project no. 160686.

Mayor Garza, called for a vote. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action** to accept the resignation of City Council Place 4, Rindle Wilson.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mr. Wilson gave his letter of resignation at the October, City Council Meeting. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza, made a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Rules reinstated.

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Christmas incentive pay for City employees in the amount of \$500.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm, recommended the Christmas incentive be \$500 this year. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve the George West High School Marching Band, to use the City Hall parking lot for a Bake Sale on November 27, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

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

10. **Consideration and Action** to approve 2 Dual Antenna Radar Systems and 1 Lidar -XSC-

LI-ION Handler from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts Inc. in the amount of \$ 6, 444.50 for the City of George West Police Department.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 11. Consideration and Action** to approve 12 portable and mobile radios with Petty Electronics in the amount of \$9,300.00 for the City of George West Police Department.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, Seconded Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #11 by striking and mobile. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Amended agenda item #11**

**Consideration and Action** to approve 12 portable radios with Petty Electronics in the amount of \$9,300.00 for the City of George West Police Department. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 12. Consideration and Action** to ratify approval of Defender Supply to remove all existing graphics from four vehicles in the current Police Department fleet and replace them with new graphics, in the amount of \$14,559.25 as approved for FY 2019-2020 budget.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. \$16479.25 they needed another truck to be added. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #12 by striking four and replacing it with five and striking the \$14,559.25 and replacing it with \$16479.25. Motion to amend by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. Amendment carried.

**Amended Agenda Item #12**

**Consideration and Action** to ratify approval of Defender Supply to remove all existing graphics from five vehicles in the current Police Department fleet and replace them with new graphics, in the amount of \$16479.25 as approved for FY 2019-2020 budget.

Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 13. Consideration and Action** to approve the Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc. to continue to utilize the building previously owned by the Child Welfare Board at its current location in the City of George West.

Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Shirley Holm, gave an update on the plans she has for that lot. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All opposed.

Request fails. Council directed the City Manager, to give them 90 days to move the building.

- 14. Consideration and Action** to approve the placement of a motorhome on the property of Becky Galloway at 125 Christian Dr. to include utilities from November 26, 2019 through January 6, 2019.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. The Galloway's, informed the council on what they planned to do. Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to amend agenda item #14 by striking 2019 and replacing 2020 for a fee equal to the planning and zoning application fee. Move as read Patricia Clifton, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Consideration and Action** to approve the placement of a motorhome on the property of Becky Galloway at 125 Christian Dr. to include utilities from November 26, 2019 through January 6, 2020 for a fee equal to the planning and zoning application fee. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 15. Discussion** regarding communication between AEP and the City of George West for additional lighting throughout the City.

Chief Perkins, gave the council and update on this issue. The South Side of City is lacking efficient light. They would like to add 16 lights in the alleys. If this does not fix the problem he will have to come before the council again, to ask for new light poles. If you look at Ross St. it is completely dark all the way down. There have many burglaries on the South Side of the city. A few of the citizens have voiced their opinions of not feeling safe in that area.

- 16. Consideration and Action** to approve a Mission Statement for the City of George West Website.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Shirley, explained to the council that she wants a mission statement for the website. Mayor Garza, and the council gave Shirley Holm, their input on the Mission Statement. Serving our community with a high quality of service and life by balancing social equity, environment stewardship and economic development to achieve sustainability to those who live, work, and visit. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 17. Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for October 2019.

Move as read Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza, called for a vote. Motion Carried.

Mayor Garza, called for a recess at 7:53 p.m.

Mayor Garza, entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Kitley Wasicek, seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Council Reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

**BRIEFINGS:**

**18. Interim City Manager's Report:**

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

Shirley, gave the council her updates. The first month never looks good at the beginning of the fiscal year. We pay our liability insurance and workman's comp that is about \$74,000. None of the tax revenue is included in the general fund yet. We are at a -64000 for the month of October. The bank account balances are at a total of \$1,616,623.36 all bills paid.

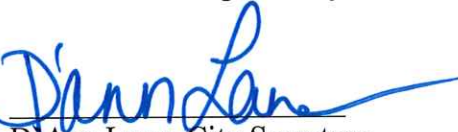
**19. Questions or Briefings at the City Council's Request:**

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

**20. Adjournment.**

The council meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED:

  
Andrew Garza, Mayor