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# City of George West



**Mayor**  
Andrew J. Garza

**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
Jearl Rannefeld

**Council**  
Tim Humphrey  
Patricia Clifton  
John Walker

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## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/29/2021

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
- II. Roll Call- All council was present with Tim Humphrey present via Zoom.
- III. Invocation-Mayor Garza gave the invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States- D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas- D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.

VI. Public Comments

Maximum 3 Minutes per Person.

Must **Complete** Form and Turn in to City Secretary Before Call to Order.

Council Cannot Discuss any Presented Items or Take any Action at this Time.

**Time cannot be passed to other speakers.**

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) City Hall will be closed September 30, 2021 1:00-5:00 p.m. to close our FY 2020-2021.
- b) City Hall will be closed October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.
- c) Shirley Holm introduced Dave Furzer to the Council who works in the GW PWD assisting Noel Zuniga with water & sewer plant operations.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the October City Council Regular Session Meeting to 6:30 p.m.
2. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
  - a) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes 09-16-2021.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for August 2021.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the street closures of San Marcos, Guadalupe, Houston, and Bowie Streets December 3-4, 2021 for the Courthouse Centennial Celebration.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda. Nothing was pulled. All in favor. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

5. **Maximum five-minute presentations from the Non-Profit organization applicants for utility bill donations: (Via Zoom)**
  - a) The Sunshine Room-Kathy Campbell gave the presentation for the Sunshine Room.
  - b) Dobie West Theatre-Glynis Strause gave the presentation for the Dobie West Theatre.
  - c) Boys and Girls Club-John Corkill was present via Zoom for this presentation.
  - d) Unify to Beautify-Leslie Walker gave the presentation for Unify to Beautify.

**ORDINANCE:**

6. **Public Hearing**

**CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 PROPOSED PROPERTY  
TAX RATE  
CITY HALL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given that the City of George West City Council will hold a Second Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at George West City Hall, 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas to receive written or oral comments to discuss the proposed Property Tax Rate as it pertains to ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of George West, Texas, for the 2021-2022 fiscal year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing discounts; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 6:01 p.m. There was no opposition so the hearing was closed at 6:02 p.m.

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 899, **LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE**

**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS  
FOR THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING  
EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS; AND  
PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SHALL  
BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.**

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. It was a Roll Call vote as follows:

Mayor-Andrew Garza: AYE  
Mayor Pro Tem-Jearl Rannefeld: AYE  
Council Place 1-Tim Humphrey: AYE  
Council Place 3-Patricia Clifton: AYE  
Council Place 4-John Walker: AYE

All in favor. Motion Carried.

**8. Public Hearing**

**CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET  
CITY HALL  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

Notice is hereby given that the City of George West City Council will hold a Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at George West City Hall, 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas to receive written and or oral comments to discuss the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, for use of municipal funds to support the City of George West Budget.

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 6:04 p.m. There was no opposition so the hearing was closed at 6:05 p.m.

**9. Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 900,  
ADOPTING THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022; TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK;  
APPROPRIATING MONIES AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET; AND  
PROVIDING FOR SERVERANCE.**

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. It was a Roll Call

vote as follows:

**Mayor-Andrew Garza: AYE**  
**Mayor Pro Tem-Jearl Rannefeld: AYE**  
**Council Place 1-Tim Humphrey: AYE**  
**Council Place 3-Patricia Clifton: AYE**  
**Council Place 4-John Walker: AYE**

**All in favor. Motion Carried.**

**10. PUBLIC HEARING Consideration and Action** to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 901, Amendment No. 212, request by Orlando and Consuelo Guerrero for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home in ABST 412 JOSE DE RODRIGUEZ Addition (commonly known as 903 West Ave.)

**Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 6:06 p.m. There was no opposition so the hearing was closed at 6:08 p.m.**

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion amend agenda item #10 by striking 901 and replacing with 903. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended agenda item #10. Consideration and Action** to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 903, Amendment No. 212, request by Orlando and Consuelo Guerrero for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home in ABST 412 JOSE DE RODRIGUEZ Addition (commonly known as 903 West Ave.)

**Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**11. PUBLIC HEARING Consideration and Action** to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 902, Amendment No. 213, request by Joann Echevarria for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, for a Special Permit to place a Recreational Vehicle within City Limits, but outside HUD-Code Manufactured Parks and Subdivisions on HTS TRACT PRT 58 Block 40, Washington Heights Addition (commonly known as 200 Zapata St.)

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 6:10 p.m. The owners of the RV were present via Zoom. The hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. John Walker stated that he thought the property needs to be in the name of the person applying for the variance. Patricia Clifton brought up the issue about RVs in city limits. Mayor Andrew Garza informed Mrs. Echevarria that they could not issue variance to her because she does not own the property. The second issue is that the Council does not allow RVs. John Walker stated that someone needs to visit with the Planning and Zoning Committee, to see why this passed. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All nays. Motion is denied.

### **RESOLUTION:**

**12. Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21 awarding the Management Contract for the RSP Home Agreement to Langford Management Services.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm explained that this company will handle all the intake and information for this Home Grant. All in favor. Resolution adopted.

### **BUSINESS**

**13. Consideration and Action** to appoint Maria Soliz as an election clerk for the 2021 Proposition November Election amount of \$15.00 per hour.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

**14. Consideration and Action** to appoint an Election Judge for the 2021 Proposition November Election amount of \$18.00 per hour.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Jearl Rannefeld moved to postpone. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

**15. Consideration and Action** to purchase one Barnes 4SHVB40042 hydraulic series B 40HP, 460 volts, 3 phase pump for the Lift Station located at I37 and Hwy 59 from Pump Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$ 18,783.55.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. There was no discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**16. Consideration and Action** to set date and time for Trunk or Treat.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. The council went over dates. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by at the

end of treat insert as October 31, 2021, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #16 Consideration and Action to set date and time for Trunk or Treat as October 31, 2021, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. **Consideration and Action** to select the Non-Profit organizations for utility bill donations.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #17 by striking Non-Profit organizations and inserting The Sunshine Room, Dobie West Theatre, Boys and Girls Club and Unify to Beautify. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #17. Consideration and Action to select the The Sunshine Room, Dobie West Theatre, Boys and Girls Club and Unify to Beautify for utility bill donations. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Rules are suspended.

18 **Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION.** In accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a) Discussion on the Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Council entered into executive session at 7:31 p.m.

19. Reconvene.

**ZOOM ID:** 869 4700 6276  
**ZOOM PW:** 583474

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Council reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

20. **Consideration and Action** to seek appraisal services to appraise acreage in which the City of George West Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant is located.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld.  
Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BRIEFINGS:**

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

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for August 2021.
- b) City and Project Updates

Shirley Holm gave the council her Revenue and Expense reports for August 2021. The City is currently through 11 months of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. As of right now our General Fund is up 156% of budget for revenue and 83% of budget for expenditures. The reason why the revenue is so high is because we had the TDEM COVID-19 in the amount of \$141,000 and we received 50% of the American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$ 311,000. The Utility Fund is at 91% of budget for revenue and 85% of budget for expenses. We are sitting at a net positive position of \$1,459,729. Ms. Holm also reported that our bank balance is at \$2,801,655. Other business included the Public Works Director position is posted and the deadline is October 15, 2021, which includes that the applicant must have the C license for Water and Wastewater. The TML Conference is in Houston, Tx Oct. 6-8, 2021, Demolition on 107 Houston Street is 95% complete, city pool & splashpad operations are closed for Summer 2021 with no injuries & much fun for citizens, and we are in hopes of being approved the TDA Community Block Grant soon for street repairs in the amount \$350,000.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read Jearl Rannefeld.  
Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Motion carried and rules have been reinstated.

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

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

**22. Adjournment.**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn. Move as read by John Walker.  
Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Garza, Mayor