

Interim City Manager
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City of George West



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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/21/2021

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Roll Call- Tim Humphrey was not present.
- 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.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas- D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.
- V. Public Comments
There was one public comment from Hal Moffatt. Mr. Moffatt, would like to know why the City Charter changes forever. Mayor Garza, stated that they are following what the charter says on how to make changes.
- VI. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a) City Hall will be closed on November 11, 2021 in Observance of Veteran's Day.
 - b) Trunk-or-Treat will be Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm in the George West City Hall parking lot.
 - c) George West Municipal Court received a \$500.00 gift card from H-E-B for Lighting of the Park.
 - d) Brush Country Market Days/Team Roping will be held at the Live Oak County Coliseum on November 4-6, 2021 free admission.
 - e) Dobie Dichos will be held in Oakville on November 5, 2021 starting at 6:00pm.
 - f) Day of Stories will be held at the West Theater on November 6, 2021 from 1:00pm – 6:00pm.
 - g) Dion Pride will be performing at the West Theater on November 13, 2021. Tickets are available at George West Chamber of Commerce.
 - h) The George West High School Marching Band earned a Superior rating at the region competition, they will be advancing to area this weekend in Beeville.
 - i) The American Legion Veterans are having a carne guisada plate from 11:00 to 2:00 on Veterans Day.
 - j) Chief Perkins introduced our newest officers Skylar Dailey, William Kimbrell, and Jose Gutierrez.

Mayor Garza read through the announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the November 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 09-29-2021.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for September 2021.
4. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the appointment of Raymond Brysch as Election Judge for the 2021 Proposition November Election amount of \$18.00 per hour.
5. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the appointment of Vera Mae Redding as an Election Clerk for the 2021 Proposition November Election in the amount of \$15.00 per hour.
6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 108 Menchaca St., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.
7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 104 Cabrero St., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

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

ORDINANCE:

8. **PUBLIC HEARING** **Consideration and Action** to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 904, Amendment No. 214, request by Deborah Alaniz Cox 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 6:38 p.m. There was no opposition. Deborah Cox was present for the hearing. Mrs. Cox stated she was advised to change the application so that she is the person applying for the variance. The hearing was closed at 6:41 p.m.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mr. Crank read the council Chapter 28-3 of what the code says. There was only one previous case that there was a variance granted for an RV. Mayor Garza read chapter 28-3 to the council. Jearl Rannefeld read that the RV must be established as a homestead. John Walker stated the only danger in approving this variance is the precedent. City Attorney Epi Ysassi stated that the council should not even be considering this variance because it is not a homestead.

Mayor Garza called for a vote. All nays. Motion failed.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING** Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Amended Planning and Zoning Ordinance No. 905, Amendment No. 215, request by Reyna Villa Nunez, for a variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home on LOT 3 BLOCK 9 GEORGE WEST SUBDIVISION (commonly known as 205 Fannin).

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 6:59 p.m. Mrs. Nunez explained that they want to move the mobile home from Rocking J RV park. Bob Crank informed the council that it is a well maintained mobile home. There was no opposition so the hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. **PUBLIC HEARING** Consideration and Action to approve the Second 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 opened the hearing at 7:02 p.m. There was no opposition so the hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. **PUBLIC HEARING** Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 906, an ordinance of the City of George West, Texas providing for the realignment of the animal control department to become part of the George West Police Department and subject to the supervision of the Chief of Police; providing a savings and severability clause; repealing ordinances in conflict and providing an effective date.

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 7:04 p.m. There was no opposition so the hearing

was closed at 7:05 p.m.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Shirley Holm informed the council that the Police Department is a better fit for Animal Control. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

12. Consideration and Action to approve Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. to perform the City of George West FY 2020-2021 annual audit in the amount of \$23,700.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mrs. Holm stated that she sent a request to four CPA firms and asked that our annual audit be done in the next 6 months. The only firm that responded they would be able to handle that would be Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. 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. Interim City Manager performance evaluation.
- b. Chief of Police performance evaluation.
- c. Cost of Living Adjustment.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Council entered into executive session at 7:09 p.m.

14. Consideration and Action to reconvene into Open Session.

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Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Council reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

15. Consideration and Action to approve an hourly pay increase for Interim City Manager, Shirley Holm, based on her performance evaluation.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by inserting after (increase and before for to 37.50.)

Amended agenda item #15 Consideration and Action to approve an hourly pay increase

to \$37.50 for Interim City Manager, Shirley Holm, based on her performance evaluation.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

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

16. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for Chief of Police, David Perkins, based on his performance evaluation.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #16 by inserting after (increase and before for to \$76,960.00).

Amended agenda item #16 Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase to \$76,960.00 for Chief of Police, David Perkins, based on his performance evaluation.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

17. Consideration and Action to approve a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all current employees.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to insert (after a and before cost 3%)

Amended agenda item #17 Consideration and Action to approve a 3% Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all current employees. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. 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.) Discussion on applications received for the Public Works Director position.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Council entered into executive session at 8:42 p.m.

19. Consideration and Action to reconvene into Open Session.

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Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Council reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

20. Interview of selected applicants by The Mayor and The City Council for the Public Works Director.

There were three applicants. Dave Furzer was the most qualified out of the three. He has exactly what they are looking for. Mr. Furzer has over 38 years of experience. John Walker asked if he was comfortable managing people. Patricia Clifton asked if he was willing to move to George West. Shirley Holm mentioned that Noel Zapata has done an amazing job stepping up during the interim period.

21. Consideration and Action to select a candidate for the Public Works Director position.

a.) Oath of Office by Mayor Garza

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #21 by striking out (a candidate and replacing it with David Furzer and at the end of position in the amount of \$67,000.00 per year salary effective November 4, 2021)

Amended agenda item #21 Consideration and Action to select David Furzer for the Public Works Director position in the amount of \$67,000.00 per year salary effective November 4, 2021. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

22. 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.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

23. Consideration and Action to reconvene into Open Session.

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Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Patricia Clifton.

Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried.

24. Consideration and Action to select an Appraisal Contractor to appraise acreage in which the City of George West Waste Water Sewer Treatment Plant is located.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

Interim City Manager’s Report:

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

Shirley Holm gave her updates regarding the month of September 2021 and FY 09/30/2021. We are in a total positive position for both General Fund and Utility Fund in the amount of \$1,391,704.43. We have a total of \$2,845,871.55 in all the bank accounts.

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

Adjournment.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Council meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D’Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor