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# City of George West



**Mayor**  
Andrew J. Garza

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## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 28, 2022

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call-Roll call by City Secretary D'Ann Lane. All council was present with Tim Humphrey via Zoom.
- III. Invocation- Mayor Andrew Garza gave the invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States- Pledge to the United States Flag was led by City Secretary D'Ann Lane.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas- Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by City Secretary D'Ann Lane
- VI. Public Comments

**There was one public comment from Jim Jorrie. Mr. Jorrie introduced himself to the council and thanked them for consideration on an appointment to the Economic Development Commission. He stated that he has property in Live Oak County and during the past 3 years has come to love the values that this city has. His current plans are with the improvement of the downtown area. His company is in the process of purchasing and securing the rights to several properties in the 100 Block of Houston Street. They plan to restore the Morrison's Building and the West Hotel, and add a covered entertainment venue that can host music acts, festivals, and city events. For the record the Mayor clarified there was no offer made prior to this meeting for his appointment to the Economic Development Commission.**

## **VII. Announcements and Correspondence**

- a) George West Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration will be on July 4, 2022 from 12:00-6:00 p.m., at the George West City Park.
- b) Patricia Clifton asked how Bulky Pickup went. Shirley Holm informed that council that it went really well.
- c) Dobie West Theatre will have movies for kids every Wednesday in July at 10:00 a.m.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the July City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:00 p.m.
2. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
  - a) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for May 2022.
4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's reappointments of Margaret Brown, Julie Hardwick, and Glynis Strause to the Economic Development Board for a term of two years commencing June 2022.
5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's appointment of John Walker as the Council Liaison of the Economic Development Board.
6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the street closures of Crocket, Frio, and Travis St. from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration on July 4, 2022, sponsored by the George West Chamber of Commerce.
7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the 2023 Health Insurance rates for staff of the City of George West.
8. **Consideration and Action** to approve the 2022-2023 annual contract renewal between ARDURRA and the City of George West for professional services not to exceed \$49,000.00.
9. **Consideration and Action** to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) for funding to replace the existing natural gas distribution pipeline system.
10. **Consideration and Action** to authorize the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to request funding for the Asset Management Program, which is a prerequisite to applying to the State Revolving Fund Programs.-move to consent

**Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Consent agenda passes.**

## **BUSINESS:**

**11. Consideration and Action to appoint additional members to the Economic Development Board.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm contacted approximately 12 people who might be interested on being appointed to the Economic Development Commission, 3 of those people were the ones that were reappointed. She reached out to Jim Jorrie, Denise Garza, and Pete Nguyen. Jearl Rannefeld reached out to Lawrence Jaramillo with Alamo Lumber. Patricia Clifton reached out to Raymond Brysch. Shirley Holm stated that we need a group of people on this commission that are ready to hit the ground running. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #11 by at the end of board insert that consists of Denise Garza, Lawrence Jaramillo, Ray Brysch, and Jim Jorrie with Pete Nguyen as an alternate. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended agenda item #11 Consideration and Action to appoint additional members to the Economic Development Commission that consists of Denise Garza, Lawrence Jaramillo, Ray Brysch, and Jim Jorrie with Pete Nguyen as an alternate. All favor. Motion carried.**

**12. Consideration and Action to extend the Contract with Republic Services for 3-5 years for consideration of no residential CPI for 1-2 years accordingly.**

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mike Reeves was present from Republic Services. He thanked the City and recommended that we take the 5 year plan to save our citizens an increase for 2 years. Mayor Garza stated that he feels bad for our commercial businesses. Mike Reeves added that these commercial businesses can always reduce their dumpsters to a smaller size. Patricia Clifton asked if the commercial businesses decided to do that if there was a fee, he stated that if they do that more than once a year there is a delivery fee. Shirley Holm stated that she plans to send a letter to the commercial businesses letting them know of the increase. She also has a concern that the churches are considered commercial. Mike Reeves stated that churches are considered a business, because you do not live there. The Council agreed to consider pulling City Churches from commercial contract and to be considered residential. Mayor entertained a motion to amend agenda item #12 by striking the 3- and the 1-. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended agenda item #12 Consideration and Action to extend the Contract with Republic Services for 5 years for consideration of no residential CPI for 2 years accordingly. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**ORDINANCE:**

**13. Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 915, an amendment to Ordinance No. 886, amending the garbage rates beginning August 1, 2022.**

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. All**

**in favor. Motion carried.**

**14. PUBLIC HEARING Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 914 Amendment No. 218 a request by Maricela Camarillo for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD- Code Manufactured Home on LOT 1 & 25 FT OF 2 BLOCK 21 (commonly known as 301 Austin).

**Mayor Garza opened a public hearing at 5:58 p.m. There were no objections. The hearing was closed at 5:58 p.m. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **BUSINESS**

**15. Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase and installation of 1 2'6" x 7' 10 ½" double face electrical sign # 198-2022, and 1 3' 11 ¼" x 7' 10 ½" double face color video 16 mm matrix: 75x150, in the amount of \$43,594.00 from AAA Electrical Signs utilizing the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funds.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. Open for discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **BRIEFINGS:**

### **16. Interim City Manager's Report:**

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for May 2022
- b) City and Project Updates

### **17. 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

**Shirley Holm reported we are 8 months into the fiscal year. In the General Fund we are at a positive balance of \$28,955. In the Utility Fund we are sitting at a positive balance of \$65,104.00. We have a total of \$94,059 in both accounts. Our expenditures should be at about 67% of our budget so we are right on target. The bank balance is a total of \$2,485,130.**

**We have started the 2022-2023 budget. We are anticipating higher cost in salaries, benefits and materials/services. The employee health insurance is up 18%.**

**Ms. Holm mentioned that there is a potential buyer that has contacted her for the Oakwood**

Addition Subdivision, which was approved by City Council on January 11, 1981. She has contacted Ardurra Engineering and the City Attorney regarding a plan for utility services to 68 lots. The potential buyer is entertaining a possible utility service capacity and extension agreement with the City.

Councilwoman Patricia Clifton asked about status on Lyssy & Eckel agreement with residence of Mike Street. Ms. Holm responded that only a verbal plan was received, so she will pursue a written plan with target dates of completion.

**BUSINESS:**

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 position of Municipal Court Judge.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

19. Reconvene.

Move as read by Tim Humphrey. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. The council reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

20. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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

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