

**Interim City Manager**  
Shirley Holm

**City Secretary**  
D'Ann Lane

**City Attorney**  
Epi Ysassi

# City of George West



**Mayor**  
Andrew J. Garza

**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
Jearl Rannefeld

**Council**  
Tim Humphrey  
Patricia Clifton  
John Walker

406 Nueces Street • George West, Texas 78022  
Phone 361-449-1556 • Fax 361-449-3030

## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/23/2022

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call-By Deputy City Secretary Haley Maywald. All council was present with Tim Humphrey via Zoom.
- III. Invocation-Mayor Garza gave the invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was led by Haley Maywald.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas- The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Haley Maywald.
- VI.
- VII. Public Comments  
**NONE**
- VIII. Announcements and Correspondence

## BUSINESS

1. **Consideration and Action** to set the FY 2022-2023 Proposed Property Tax Rate.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Ms. Holm stated that the Tax Rates were the same that were brought up at the Budget Workshop. The concern that was an issue in the last meeting was the decrease in Commercial property value. After investigating, it was the reduction of the Bottom Line Business. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking Proposed and inserting at the end of rate @ 0.60844 Cents per \$100 of the appraised value. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

**Councilmen Tim Humphrey-AYE**  
**Councilmen Jearl Rannefeld-AYE**  
**Councilwoman Patricia Clifton-AYE**  
**Councilmen John Walker-AYE**  
**Mayor Andrew Garza-AYE**  
**Amendment carried unanimously.**

**Amended Agenda item #1 Consideration and Action** to set the FY 2022-2023 Property Tax Rate at 0.60844 cents per \$100 of appraised value.

**Mayor Garza called for a roll call vote.**

**Councilmen Tim Humphrey-AYE  
Councilmen Jearl Rannefeld-AYE  
Councilwoman Patricia Clifton-AYE  
Councilmen John Walker-AYE  
Mayor Andrew Garza-AYE  
Motion carried unanimously.**

- 2. Consideration and Action** to rescind agenda item # 10 from the July 28, 2022, Regular Session City Council meeting, **Consideration and Action** to set the dates and times for Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Tax Rate.

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

- 3. Consideration and Action** to set the times for the Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Tax Rate.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by inserting dates and after dates inserting on September 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., and September 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended Agenda item #3 Consideration and Action** to set the dates and times for the Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Tax Rate on **September 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., and September 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- 4. Consideration and Action** to rescind agenda item # 11 from the July 28, 2022, Regular Session City Council meeting, **Consideration and Action** to set dates and times for Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget.

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- 5. Consideration and Action** to set the times for Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget.

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza entertained after set the insert dates and at the end insert on September 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., and**

September 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Amended Agenda Item #5 Consideration and Action** to set the dates and times for Public Hearings on the Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget on September 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., and September 28, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Consideration and Action** to select an auditing firm to perform the City of George West FY 2021-2022 annual audit.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. Shirley Holm has only received one engagement letter in the amount of \$ 26,100.00. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking an auditing firm and inserting Armstrong Vaughn and Associates and inserting at the end in the amount of \$ 26,100.00. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Tim Humphrey. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Amended Agenda item #6 Consideration and Action** to select Armstrong Vaughn and Associates firm to perform the City of George West FY 2021-2022 annual audit in the amount of \$ 26,100.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action** to select a vendor to repair (1) John Deere Backhoe, Serial #T0S10SJ for the Public Works Department.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #7 by striking a vendor and inserting Technical Equipment Company and inserting at the end in the amount of \$ 16, 829.77. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Amended Agenda item #7 Consideration and Action** to select Technical Equipment Company to repair (1) John Deere Backhoe, Serial #T0S10SJ for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$ 16, 829.77. All in favor. Motion carried.

#### **BRIEFINGS:**

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

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

Ms. Holm gave her Revenue and Expense Report for July 2022. She reported that in the General Fund we are at 83% for Budgeted Revenue and 87% for Budgeted Expenses. In the Utility Fund we are at 89% for Budgeted Revenue and 85% for Budgeted Expenses.

**Year to Date, Both Funds combined, we are at a positive of \$ 11,186.  
The Bank Balances we are at \$ 2,643,705.**

**City and Project updates are as follows:**

- **The City Pool Closed on 8/15/22**
- **Splash Pad is closing 9/06/2022 After Labor Day Weekend**
- **TDHA Home Program 2021-0007 Close to having (1) Home Approved**
- **TDA Community Block Grant-Street Repairs starting 10/22**
- **Pecos Street Infrastructure (Original Cast Iron to 6" PVC Pipe) Complete by 8/31/22  
Includes Water & Gas/Sewer Lines to Residences and GWISD**

**9. 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

**10. Adjournment.**

**The council meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.**

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

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