

Interim City Manager  
Shirley Holm

# City of George West

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## **REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/16/2022**

- I. Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call-Tim Humphrey was absent. All other members were present.
- III. Invocation-Mayor Garza gave the invocation.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States- The Pledge to the United States Flag was led by D'Ann Lane.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas- The Pledge to the Flag of Texas was led by D'Ann Lane.
- VI. Public Comments  
NONE
- VII. Announcements and Correspondence
  - a) Lighting of the Park 12/1/2022 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
  - b) George West Church to Church Christmas Story Stroll 12/11/2022 from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
  - c) City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 24 -- 25, 2022.

**Shirley Holm gave the council an update on what streets would need to be closed for the Christmas Stroll.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the December 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 October 26, 2022.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for October 2022.

**John Walker asked what day the December meeting was. There has not been a day set yet. Patricia Clifton moved to pull agenda item number 1 from the Consent Agenda. Mayor**

**Garza called for a vote on Consent Agenda items #2 and #3. All in favor. Motion carried.**

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

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Patricia Clifton would like to change the time to 5:00 p.m. Shirley Holm added that Thursday meetings are good for her now. The third Thursday is December 15, 2022. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking at 6:30 and inserting 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2022.**

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

**Amended agenda item #1 Consideration and Action** to change the time of the December City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:00 p.m. on December 15, 2022.

**All in favor. Motion Carried.**

## **PRESENTATION**

4. Presentation of TDA Form A1024 CDBG Section 3 Goals and Concepts by Allison Long as related to the CDBG Program and Grant Contract Number CDV21-0321.

**Allison Long from GrantWorks was present and she presented goals of the grant and what TDA hopes to accomplish. She explained the award amount of 350,000.00 to fix San Marcos, Travis and Colorado Streets.**

## **ORDINANCE:**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING** **Consideration and Action** to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 918, an ordinance of the City of George West, Texas providing for the Animal Control Officer to enforce Texas Health and Safety Code § 821.102; providing a savings and severability clause; repealing ordinances in conflict and providing an effective date.

**The City Council opened the hearing at 5:19 p.m. There were no questions, or anyone present with concerns. The hearing was closed at 5:20 p.m. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **BUSINESS**

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the annual incentive pay for City Employees in the amount of \$500.00 each.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm let the council know that this was approved in the 2022-2023 budget, and would total approximately \$16,000. All in favor. Motion carried.**

7. **Consideration and Action** to rescind agenda item # 7 from the August 23, 2022, Council Meeting, **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.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Motion carried.**

8. **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 \$ 21, 776.93.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm explained to the council that the price of parts has gone up significantly. The initial quote was dated December 2021. They discussed repairing equipment during the budget meetings. Technical Equipment Co. replaced practically all of the cylinders in the backhoe. We have been renting a backhoe for \$4,000 this month. This specific backhoe has been at the vendor's shop since August 2021, they were waiting on parts. Between renting and getting our backhoe repaired, LOC Precinct 1 has provided us with a backhoe. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

9. **Consideration and Action** to accept the resignation of Tim Humphrey, George West City Council Place 1 effective immediately.

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza read Mr. Humphrey's letter. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

10. **Consideration and Action** to accept applications for George West City Council Place 1, until November 23, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Shirley Holm asked the council how they wanted us to advertise. They want it posted on the website. Jearl Rannefeld would like to extend the deadline to the 29<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #10 by striking 23 and inserting 29. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended agenda item #10 Consideration and Action** to accept applications for George West City Council Place 1, until November 29, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

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

**11. Consideration and Action** to hold a Special Meeting on November 30, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. to appoint an applicant to George West City Council Place 1.

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**BRIEFINGS:**

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

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

**Shirley Holm gave her updates regarding the October 2022 and FY ending September 30, 2023. The General Fund is 7% of budget for revenue and 6.5% of budget for expenditures. At the end of October 31, 2022, our General Fund has a positive balance of \$ 4,978 and our Utility Fund has a positive balance of \$ 122,948. The combined bank account balances are a total \$2,732,994.**

- **Police Department finally received 3 new vehicles ordered in Sept. 2021.**
- **Porfiro Sanchez and Carlos Rodriguez are retiring December 31, 2022.**
- **We have an opening in the Planning and Zoning Committee, and Economic Development Commission.**

**The Council added that they would like for the City Manager ensure an ad is placed in The Progress for the vacant Council Position.**

**13. 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

**14. Adjournment.**

**The Council Meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.**

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

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