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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 25, 2023

- I.** Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II.** Roll Call-**All council members were present with Nathan Stroleny present via Zoom.**
- III.** Invocation-**Mayor Andrew Garza gave the invocation.**
- IV.** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States-**The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- V.** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-**The Pledge of Allegiance the Texas Flag was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- VI.** Public Comments

Michelle White was present from Unify to Beautify for a public comment. She wanted to thank the city for hearing their concept of raising flags on telephone poles, along the main city corridor.

Grace Wilson was present for a public comment. Mrs. Wilson was present to talk about the 4th of July Celebration, Pray for America. They are calling it the Patriotic Flag Parade. Pray for America will happen on Sunday, July 2, 2023, it will start at 6:45 at the City Park. It is an invitation to all the congregations in town. They will start at St. George Catholic Church. The churches will provide breakfast tacos and refreshments.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Proclamation for National Public Works Week May 21-27, 2023.
- b) George West High School Graduation will be at Longhorn Field on June 2, 2023 @ 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Garza read the Proclamation. He also announced the Pray for America for July 2, 2023.

BUSINESS:

1. Mayor to administer Oath of Office to reelected City Council Members.

**Mayor-Andrew Garza
Nathan Stroleny-City Council Place 1
Jearl Rannefeld-City Council Place 2
John Walker-City Council Place 4**

City Secretary, D'Ann Lane read the Oath to Mayor Andrew Garza. Mayor Andrew Garza administered the Oath to Jearl Rannefeld, and John Walker.

- 2. Consideration and Action to select a Mayor Pro-Tem.
Mayor to administer the oath.**

**Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion.
John Walker nominated Jearl Rannefeld. Patricia Clifton seconded the motion.**

**Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend agenda item #2 by (inserting after the word select Jearl Rannefeld as striking the word a) Move as read by John Walker.
Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor amendment carried.**

Amended agenda item #2 Consideration and Action to select Jearl Rannefeld as Mayor Pro-Tem. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 3. Consideration and Action to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:30 p.m.**
- 4. Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:
a) Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes April 27, 2023.**
- 5. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for April 2023.**
- 6. Consideration and Action to approve the High Stakes Softball team to utilize the City Hall Parking Lot for a BBQ plate and Bake Sale on June 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**
- 7. Consideration and Action to allow Unify to Beautify to add approximately 20 flags to the Patriotic decorations displayed for Memorial Day and Fourth of July.**
- 8. Consideration and Action to renew the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the City of George West for the onsite sewage facility program.**
- 9. Consideration and Action to open the Municipal Swimming Pool from June 9, 2023, to July 30, 2023, and the Splashpad from May 28, 2023, to September 4, 2023.**
- 10. Consideration and Action to approve the Mayor's appointment of Charles Lindholm, to**

Place 6 of the Economic Development Commission.

Patricia Clifton pulled item #3 from the Consent Agenda. Mayor Garza called for a vote. Consent Agenda passes.

Agenda item #3 Consideration and Action to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:30 p.m. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by (striking 5:30 and inserting 5:00) Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #3 Consideration and Action to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:00 p.m. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

11. Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08, a Resolution supporting the city of George West's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 transportation alternatives set-aside (ta) call for projects.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Shirley Holm went over the logistics for the new sidewalks to be built with this grant. The sidewalks would be from West Avenue to the GWISD Primary School. Right now, the students and citizens walk down West Avenue with no sidewalks, so this would make it safer for all pedestrians. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCE:

12. **PUBLIC HEARING** Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 920 amending the Personnel Manual Section IV Employee Benefits and Compensation (A INSURANCE) by amending (2), and (4) and moving all previous numbered sections down, (C HEALTH LEAVE) by amending (2), and amending (F ANNUAL LEAVE) (2), (5) and (9) and moving all previous numbered sections down, and (H SPECIAL ABSENCE LEAVES) by omitting (6) in the Personnel Manual.

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 5:56 p.m. There was no opposition. The hearing was closed at 5:57 p.m. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Ms. Holm went over the changes at a lunch meeting today. The employees were pleased with the changes. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. PUBLIC HEARING Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 921, Zoning Amendment No. 220, a request by Patricia Clifton for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes for a Special Permit to allow Patricia Clifton to place a Recreational Vehicle within City Limits, but outside HUD-Code Manufactured Parks and Subdivisions and connect said Recreational Vehicle to City utilities on BLK 7 LOT 3 (AKA 1105 Terry St.) in the Sunset Addition.

Mayor Garza opened the hearing at 6:00 p.m. There was no opposition. The hearing was closed at 6:00 p.m. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. Patricia Clifton abstained. Motion carried with 2/3 vote.

BUSINESS

14. Consideration and Action to select Technical Equipment Company to repair (1) Fiatallis FG65C, Serial No. 85SO5116 5116 Maintainer for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$15, 930.58.

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

15. Consideration and Action to approve the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza stated that he, D'Ann Lane, and Epi Ysassi went over both the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and will need additional time to complete. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Agenda item is postponed.

16. Consideration and Action to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the City of George West for the purchasing of materials/services awarded on the current Live Oak County contractors purchase agreements.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza stated that this will have to be put in Resolution form. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Agenda item is postponed.

17. 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 Wastewater Sewer Treatment Plant

Jearl Rannefeld made a motion to strike. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. No action on agenda item #17.

18. RECONVENE

No action.

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19. Consideration and Action to extend the Waste Water Treatment Plant lease with Mark Katzfey for a period of one month ending August 31, 2023, for no additional cost.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Shirley Holm reported that Mark Katzfey legal counsel requested the extension of lease. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

20. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for April 2023.
- b) City and Project Updates

21. 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

Ms. Holm gave the Revenue & Expense Report for April 2023. We are 7 months into the fiscal year 2022-2023. In the General Fund our revenue is 56% of the budget and expenditures are 57% of the budget. We are reporting a positive balance in the General Fund \$ 178,702. In the Utility Fund our revenue is 58% of the budget and expenditures are at 49% of the budget. In the Utility Fund we are at a positive balance of \$ 186,344.00. In both funds we are sitting at a positive balance of \$ 365,045.84.

We have a certificate of deposit for \$ 235,000.00 and it does come up for renewal in June 2023, so Ms. Holm will recommend transferring these funds into an account to earn higher interest.

The Splash Pad will be open May 26, 2023. The swimming pool is scheduled to open June 9, 2023. All lifeguards are coming back this year. We have 7 total that are coming back this year. They will get recertified May 26, 2023. The swimming pool will require additional work in 2024; therefore will be included in the FY 2023-2024 Budget.

Lyssy & Eckel have a plan for enhancing the area, due to residential code. Mayor suggested that we give them 2 months to finish. John Walker suggested that we get an update at the

next meeting.

22. Adjournment.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor