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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2023

- I. Call Meeting to Order-Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call-All council members were present with Nathan Stoleny present via phone.
- III. Invocation-Mayor Andrew 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 United States Flag.
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.
- VI. Public Comments

None

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) George West Chamber of Commerce Patriotic Weekend June 30-July 2, 2023
 - Friday night dance at the Coliseum with Five Card Draw
 - Saturday-Celebration at the City Park from 2:00-8:00 p.m.
 - Sunday-Pray for America breakfast at 6:45 a.m.
 - Splash Pad is up and running.
 - Patricia Clifton elaborated on the Pray for America churches will be sponsoring tacos, cookies, and other refreshments. It is scheduled to finish by 9:40 am.

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 25, 2023.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for May 2023.

4. **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 4th of July Celebration on July 1-2, 2023, sponsored by the George West Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Patricia Clifton would like to pull agenda item #4. Nothing else was pulled and Mayor Garza called for a vote on consent items 1-3. All in favor. Motion carried.

Back to agenda item number 4. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Patricia Clifton has a concern with the street closures on the Baptist and Methodist churches. Ms. Holm informed her that there should not be an issue with the churches. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

5. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 adopting the Bylaws for the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza stated that there is something in the Articles of Incorporation that would need to be changed before they are passed. John Walker wants to move these along, he does not want them to lose their momentum. Epi Ysassi stated that everything else is okay. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to table agenda item #5. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Agenda item #5 is tabled.

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

6. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 adopting the Articles of Incorporation for the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza informed the council that on the Articles of Incorporation, must be a qualified elector of the City of George West. We took it out of the first paragraph, but Epi Ysassi informed us that it needed to put back in the Articles according to the Texas Constitution. So, any signators must be residents and legal voters of the City. John Walker would like to make the changes tonight, so we can get them done and approved. Shirley Holm added that passing these would allow them to start applying for grants. D'Ann Lane asked who the council wanted to add as a signator, the council agreed to add Charles Lindholm, as the last signator.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to table agenda item #6. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Agenda item #6 was tabled.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Mayor Garza stated that

this was amended, and Jim Jorrie was removed from the signator list, because it requires them to be a city elector. He was replaced by Charles Lindholm. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

7. Discussion on the George West City Park.

Shirley Holm gave an update on the City Park. At her guidance, the public works department has taken over the mowing and front flower bed maintenance after it appeared the current contractor was no completing consistently. The public works employees have been working over there for the last two days and have cleaned it up. The water sprinkler has not been working. We need a new control box, and two sprinkler valves. We ordered the parts, and it should be fixed by Friday. We ordered some new patriotic bunting flags for the fence. We also ordered a flagpole for Menchaca Park. Unify to Beautify is putting 4 new plants near the Splash Pad. There has been some interest in putting in a sand volleyball court at the Cactus Park, this would be done by the FFA. The Park will be in top notch shape for the July 4th celebration.

8. 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

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All opposed. The Council did not enter into Executive Session.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Rules have been suspended. We will be moving to the City Manager Reports.

9. RECONVENE

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10. Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code (Personnel Matters), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- a) Discussion on the succession of the open and appointed positions determined by council.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. The council entered into executive session at 5:53 p.m.

11. RECONVENE

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Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. The city council reconvened at 7:51 p.m. Back to agenda item #5.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The rules have been reinstated at 7:51 p.m.

The council directed the City Manager to dissolve the current public works supervisor positions and assign one public works manager. They are also going to direct the city manager to post the city manager position, and set a salary range from \$80,000-\$90,000 per year.

BRIEFINGS:

12. Interim City Manager's Report:

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

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

We are 8 months into the fiscal year. In the General Fund we are at 72% of budget for Revenue, and 64% for expenditures. In the Utility Fund we are at 66% of budget for Revenue and 56% for expenditures. We are at a positive of \$361,696.00. Our city bank balance is \$2,779,526.00. Of this amount approximately, \$ 1,530,000.00 is not designated. We are projecting to pay a match on the TDA street grant, which is \$35,000 plus \$12,000 for the drainage, unknown amount for the WWTP acreage purchase, which includes remediation of the ponds and additional surveys and litigation cost. We will also be spending about \$50,000 on equipment improvements before the end of the fiscal year. The Condemnation Hearing will be August 9, 2023 at 9:00 am for the WWTP acreage needed. The sidewalk improvement grant has made it through the 2nd step. The Railroad Commission audit is done. And we just finished our 3-year audit with TCEQ, and we have corrected 95% of the violations. We have opened the swimming pool for the year. Shirley Holm is still looking at the best interest rates for our certificate of deposit.

We went back up to executive session.

14. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor