

City of George West

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Nathan Stroleny
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John Walker

REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/24/2023

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

Michelle White was present for a Public Comment. She wanted to address irrigation to trees in pots on Houston St. on behalf of Unify to Beautify and the Chief of Police taking on the role of Assistant City Manager.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Brush Country Market Days will be November 2, 2023-November 4, 2023.
- b) Dobie Dichos will be November 3, 2023.
- c) Lighting of the Park will be November 30, 2023.
- d) Church Christmas Story Stroll will be December 10, 2023.
- e) Grace Armantrout Museum will have a Veterans Day Depot November 11, 2023, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- f) American Legion will have a Veterans Day Meal on Saturday, November 11, 2023.
- g) George West Education Foundation will have its Fundraiser October 28, 2023
- h) Bulky Pickup will be November 30, 2023

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consideration and Action** to change the time of the November City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:30 p.m.
- 2. Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
 - a) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes September 26, 2023**
- 3. Consideration and Action** to approve the street closures of Crockett/San Marcos,

Travis/San Marcos, Houston/Frio, and Frio/Travis for the Church Christmas Story Stroll from 5:00-7:30 p.m. on December 10, 2023.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Brush Country Cowboy Church to place a 16' x 8' stable area Nativity scene at the George West City Park in the area between the First Baptist Church and the pavilion in order to participate in the Christmas Story Stroll on December 10, 2023.
5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the resignation of Gerren Ware from the Economic Development Commission effective August 31, 2023.
6. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for September 2023.

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. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Economic Development Commission's recommendation to host or participate in a Toy Run benefitting CASA November 4, 2023.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Shirley Holm explained that at the last EDC meeting they had already decided on having this without prior council approval. Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor of no action with 2/3 vote.

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 504 Travis St., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 607 E. Houston St., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

10. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 713 Dominguez St., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor

Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 11. Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 708 West Ave., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 12. Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 705/905 Lagarto Rd., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 13. Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standard's Board recommendation to demolish the structure at 208 Trinity St., George West, Texas and place a lien on said property for any expenses incurred.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- 14. Consideration and Action** to approve Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, PC to perform the audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities for fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm stated that Financial for FY 2022-2023 are ready for audit. It is scheduled for November 20, 2023. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 15. Consideration and Action** to approve a nomination for the Board of Directors for the Live Oak County Appraisal District 2024-2025 tax year.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Due to The City receiving a very small amount of ad-valorem taxes each year, City nominations usually do not receive many votes. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend (by striking a nomination and inserting Nathan Stroleny). Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Patricia Clifton. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda item #15 Consideration and Action to approve Nathan Stroleny for the Board of Directors for the Live Oak County Appraisal District 2024-2025 tax year. **Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- 16. Consideration and Action** to appoint Yolanda Guerrero as City of George West Municipal Court Judge effective immediately.

Mayor Garza to administer the Oath.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. All in favor with 2/3 votes. Motion carried.

17. Consideration and Action to appoint David Perkins as Assistant City Manager for the City of George West with an additional increase of \$15,000.00 effective October 26, 2023. Mayor Garza to administer the Oath.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. For the purpose of transparency this was put on the agenda. The Chief of Police does serve as City Manager in many cities. Ms. Holm summarized some of the duties of the Assistant City Manager, which Mr. Perkins will perform each week in addition to supervising the Police Department. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor with 2/3 vote. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

18. Interim City Manager's Report:

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

19. 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
- f) EDC Report

Shirley Holm gave her briefings. In the General Fund we are 1% over in Revenue and 1% over in Expenditures. In the Utility Fund we are in a \$255,212 deficit due to the purchase of the acreage needed after the 100-year lease ended for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The bank balances combined are \$ 2,142,869.

20. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza called for a vote to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor