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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 1/23/2024

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**All council was present.**
- 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 Flag or the United States was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-**The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- VI. Public Comments
None

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Applications for City Council Places 1 and 3 are available for pickup, and the deadline to file for a place on the ballot will be February 16, 2024, at City Hall.
- b) Farmers Market will be Saturday, January 27, 2024, at the Buck West House.
- c) St. George Catholic Church live auction at the Barn at Katzfey Ranch
- d) Live Oak County Parade will be in Three Rivers on February 24, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the February 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 December 19, 2023.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to Issue Order of Election and Notice of Election for the City Election to be held on May 4, 2024.

Consideración y Acción para emitir Orden de Elección y Aviso de Elección para la Elección de la ciudad que tendrá lugar 04 de Mayo de 2024.

4. **Consideration and Action** to hold a joint election with the George West Independent School District May 4, 2024.
5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the 2023 Racial Profiling Report.
6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's reappointments for the Building Standard's Board as follows: Joe Edward Ybanez, Merri Lee, and Randall Webster for a term of 3 years commencing January 2024.
7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's reappointment for the Planning and Zoning Committee as follows: Rosalia Ena Pena, Maria Soliz and Pam Woodmansee for a term of 3 years commencing January 2024.
8. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for December 2023.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION:

9. **City of George West Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2023.**
Deborah F. Fraser, CPA, CGMA- Armstrong, Vaughan and Associates, P.C.
(30 Minutes)

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone this agenda item. Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion was carried.

10. **TWRA Grant Status for Assets Management**
Mark Hall, Hanson Engineering (15 Minutes)

Mark Hall gave his presentation and explained to the council what they had come up with for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. This grant allows them to make a list of what needs to be done and prioritizes it along with what can be done with the city budget. There will be GIS expenses after one year. This system will allow our Public Works Department to locate lines more easily if the GIS system continues to be maintained in 2024.

11. **Live Oak County Volunteer Medical Response Team (10 Minutes)**

Rachel Trevino gave this presentation. She and 5 other volunteers from across Live Oak County are creating this team to assist our citizens by performing life saving measures when necessary. They reported that the call time for our ambulances can sometimes be too long, and some patients do not have that time. Their services will allow them to do what they can to stabilize people until help arrives. They are looking for someone to sponsor their group. They mentioned presenting to Live Oak County Commissioner's Court on 02/23/2024.

12. Cactus Park Museum Trust 2023 Annual Financial Update. - Leslie Walker, President. (10 Minutes)

Leslie Walker gave this presentation. She updated the council with everything that had been done to the museum. She displayed pictures of how everything has come together. Mrs. Walker had help from the Witte Museum with how to set some things up, and they were pleased she took their advice. She also submitted the annual financial reports to the City Manager, as stated in their By-Laws.

BUSINESS:

13. Discussion on Abatement from TML & Texas Statute, Subchapter E. Seizure of Real Property.

Epi Ysassi spoke with Shirley Holm about this issue. In order to collect on Municipal Liens, the property has to be delinquent in property taxes and abandoned for 1 year. Epi advised getting with the Tax office to decide which properties are in the best interest to foreclose. He will also provide the City with a Demand Letter for those properties that meet to criteria for foreclosure.

14. Discussion on EDC Filing Status from Epi Ysassi.

Epi Ysassi made changes to the previously filed Articles of Incorporation. The new Articles will have to be brought back for Council approval, due to the fact that it changed many areas, which gave the EDC power of authority about the City Council approval.

15. Consideration and Action to approve the Mayor's appointment to the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by after appointment adding of Gloria Lair. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda item #15 Consideration and Action to approve the Mayor's appointment of Gloria Lair to the Economic Development Commission. Mayor Garza called for a vote on the amended agenda item. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

16. Interim City Manager's Report:

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

17. 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

Shirley Holm gave the Revenue and Expense Report for the 1st quarter 2023/2024. The General Fund is 46% of budget for revenue and 30% of budget for expenditures. In the Utility Fund, we are 25% of budget for revenue and 19% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the budget currently and are reflecting a net positive balance of \$419,013. The bank balance total is \$ 2,525,658.

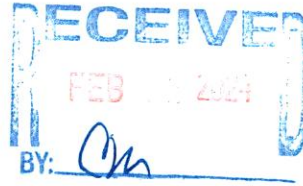
Ms. Holm reported that the application for HOT Funds distribution will go out in February 2024 for consideration in March 2024. She also reported that the TDA Grant should be finalized in March 2024.

18. Adjournment.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor



February 12, 2024

City of George West

George West, Texas 78022

Gentleman:

Please consider my request on behalf of St George Church for a street closure on Sunday, April 7, 2024, for our annual barbecue fundraiser. This request is to close Guadalupe Street between Travis Street and Crockett Street from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. to provide for our drive-thru plates. The city supplying barriers and cones for the closure is very helpful.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol C. Maurer". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carol C. Maurer, St. George Parishioner

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