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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 4/29/2024

- I.** Call Meeting to Order- **Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II.** Roll Call-Councilmen Nathan Stoleny arrived to the meeting at 6:52 p.m.
- 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 of the United States was led by D'Ann Lane.
- V.** Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas was led by D'Ann Lane.
- VI.** Public Comments

Grace Wilson gave a public comment. She wanted to thank Patricia Clifton for her servant heart and all she has done for the City of George West, and the church. When Friends of George needed someone to serve, she was one of the first ones to stand up and serve. Mrs. Wilson knows that Pat will continue to do good work.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Little Olympics will be held on May 9, 2024.
- b) George West High School Graduation will be held on May 31, 2024.
- c) Chamber Mixer will be on May 6, 2024.
- d) Saturday is the Longest Yard Sale in the City Hall Parking Lot.
- e) B3 Youth Group will have a hamburger fundraiser on May 4, 2024.
- f) American Legion is going to have a 50/50 raffle on Memorial Day.
- g) Noelia Martinez got recognized for 40 years of service to the City.
- h) Patricia Clifton got recognized for 8 years of serving on the City Council.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 1. Consideration and Action** to change the time of the May 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 March 21, 2024.**

3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for March 2024.
4. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the adoption of Resolution No. 2024-09, denying AEP rate increase.
5. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2024-11, authorizing the submission of a Texas Home Investment Partnerships Program Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
6. **Consideration and Action** to close Crockett Street between Frio and San Antonio Streets on May 4, 2024, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm for a B3 Work Camp Hamburger Fundraiser at the George West Methodist Church.

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

BUSINESS:

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Action Approving Contract between Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, and the City of George West for the collection of fines, fees, and delinquent utilities.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Steven Saucedo and Grace Torres were present from Linebarger. They explained the new contracts. They also reported that beginning in 2019, Linebarger as resolved over \$478,000 in outstanding tickets. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve the contract between Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, and the City of George West for the collection of fines, fees, and delinquent utilities.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION:

9. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2024-10, approving a contract between Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, and the City of George West for the collection of fines and fees and delinquent utilities.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

BUSINESS:

10. **Discussion** on Animal Control Ordinance 543, 631, and 631A regarding the capturing and sheltering of unclaimed animals running at large.

Shirley Holm and David Perkins informed the council of the recent activity that has been going on with Animal Control. They went over the process of how we let owners know that we have picked up an animal. Chief Perkins explained that we do not have the adequate space we need at our current Animal Shelter when it becomes full we need room for extra animals on the street. He reported that we used our current Animal Control Ordinances and need guidance from Council if these Ordinances need to be updated. Shirley Holm mentioned that there has been some concern with citizens recently on our process. It was also brought up the idea of working with the county to create a bigger Animal Shelter where we all work together to patrol the whole county. John Walker mentioned getting some additional housing installed for the overflow in the future. All City Council members will review the current Ordinances for changes needed to be discussed at the May 2024 meeting.

11. **Consideration and Action** to open the Municipal Swimming Pool and Splashpad from June 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. The council let Shirley Holm, City Manager handle the details of this endeavor. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Consideration and Action** to surplus Laerdal Bag II Disposable Resuscitator w/Adult Mask 12-Pack.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Back in 2019 the Chief ordered a box of these, but you must be certified to use them; therefore, need to be deemed surplus to the City. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. **Consideration and Action** to donate the surplus of Laerdal Bag II Disposable Resuscitator w/Adult Mask 12-Pack to Live Oak County Volunteer Medical Response Team 1.

Move as read by Patricia Clifton. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. The Live Oak County Volunteer Medical Response Team 1 is scheduled to receive their state license this week and will get started by the end of the week. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

14. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for March 2024.
- b) City and Project Updates

Shirley Holm gave the Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending March 2024. The General Fund is 74% of the budget for revenue and 59% of the budget for expenditures. In the Utility Fund, we are 50% of budget for revenue and 43% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the budget currently and reflect a net positive balance of combined balance of \$401,2849. The bank balance total is \$ 2,498,787.

15. 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

16. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor