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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/20/2024

- I. Call Meeting to Order- **Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**Nathan Stroleny was absent.**
- 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 Texas Flag was led by D'Ann Lane.**
- VI. Public Comments
NONE
- VII. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a) City Hall will be closed on July 4, 2024, in observance of Independence Day.
 - b) The George West Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a 4th of July Celebration on July 6, 2024, at the George West City Park from 4:00-8:00 p.m.
 - c) Hometown Jamboree on June 29, 2024, at the Dobie West Performing Arts Theatre beginning at 7:00 p.m.
 - d) Dobie West Theatre will start their summer movie series every Tuesday beginning on July 9, 2024.
 - e) There will be a dance on Friday, July 5, 2024, at the Coliseum.
 - f) SplashPad and Pool are both open.

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 28, 2024.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for May 2024.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the street closures of Crocket, Frio, and Travis St. from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the 4th of July Celebration on July 6, 2024, sponsored by the George West Chamber of Commerce.

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. Consent Agenda was passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

5. **Consideration and Action** adopt Resolution No. 2024-13, removing Patricia Clifton, and adding David Ainsworth, Jr. as a Signator on the South Trust Bank Accounts.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

6. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2024-14, approving the submission of an application for the FY2024 NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE AND SAFETY MODERNIZATION GRANT PROGRAM.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. City Manger Shirley Holm has been working on the USDOT PHMSA Grant and will have it submitted by midnight tonight. The grant, if approved, will be in the amount of \$2.4 million for 21 miles of new natural gas pipeline. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCE:

7. **PUBLIC HEARING Consideration and Action** to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 930, an amendment to Ordinance No. 924, increasing garbage rates, per Republic contract, beginning August 1, 2024.

Mayor Garza opened a public hearing at 5:38 p.m. There were no objections. Mayor Garza closed the hearing at 5:40 p.m.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. The city did not have an increase last year for residential accounts. This year Republic is doing a 4% increase for their CPI. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

8. Discussion on a request submitted to the House Appropriations Committee by Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz, on May 3, 2024, for FY 2025, Community Project Funding (CPF), for the City of George West Proposed Generator Improvements Project

in the amount of \$720,528, which was submitted by the City of George West for (2) generators and transfer switches to be placed at Water Well #3 and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Congresswoman Monica De La Cruz called Mayor Garza to let him know that she was approving the submission of this grant submitted to the Appropriations Committee. Congresswoman De La Cruz has been very active in the city.

9. Discussion on the June 5, 2024, between Atascosa Health Center, Inc., the Mayor of George West and the George West City Manager regarding the placement of a Health Care Center in the City of George West.

Mayor Andrew Garza and City Manager Shirley Holm had a meeting with Atascosa Health about the possibility of expanding to the City of George West. There is always a need for medical offices in our community. Currently they have 727 patients that are seen in their clinics that are residents of the city. They are working on a grant to get the funding to try and expand to the city.

10. **Consideration and Action** to approve the appointments of Place 1, Place 2, Place 3, and Place 4 to the Economic Development Commission for a period of two years ending June 2026.

Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. John Walker requested that the council convene into Executive Session. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.086 Economic Development. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. The council entered into Executive Session at 5:59 p.m.

Reconvene-Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The council reconvened at 6:55 p.m. There was no action taken during the Executive Session.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #10 by inserting before place Larry Jaramillo, before place 2 Denise Garza, before place 3 Glynis Holm Strause, before place 4 Charles Lindholm. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #10 Consideration and Action to approve the appointments of Larry Jaramillo Place 1, Denise Garza Place 2, Glynis Holm Strause Place 3, and Charles Lindholm Place 4 to the Economic Development Commission for a period of two years ending June 2026.

Mayor Garza called for a vote on the amended agenda item. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 11. Consideration and Action** to approve the appointments of Place 5, Place 6, and Place 7 to the Economic Development Commission for a period of one year ending June 2025.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by before place 5 inserting Michael Salazar, before place 6 inserting Patricia Clifton, and before place 7 inserting Gloria Lair. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #11 Consideration and Action to approve the appointments of Michael Salazar Place 5, Patricia Clifton Place 6, and Gloria Lair Place 7 to the Economic Development Commission for a period of one year ending June 2025. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 12. Consideration and Action** to approve the appointment of an alternate to the Economic Development Commission for a period of one year ending June 2025.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone until a replacement can be found. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. Agenda item #12 is postponed.

- 13. Consideration and Action** to approve the use of HOT Fund monies in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for mural signage and lighting for a welcome entrance to the City of George West.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Ms. Holm requested to use HOT Funds to add a mural to the entrance of the city with proper lighting. This will invite people to visit the places in our community that will be displayed in the sign. Ms. Holm mentioned that UTB will be requesting to also do a mural at one of the entrances into George West. It was noted that multiple murals in the city would be very beneficial. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

14. Interim City Manager's Report:

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

Ms. Holm gave the Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending May 2024. The General Fund is 79% of the budget for revenue and 67% of the budget for expenditures. In the Utility Fund, we are 63% of budget for revenue and 55% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the budget currently and reflect a net positive balance of combined balance of \$419,631. The bank balance total is \$ 2,554,761.

Concerns that were mentioned during briefings included the need for new buildings for the Police Department and City Hall. Also, the ongoing of Lift Station issues at Lamar & Milam. We will be bringing this information up during the Budget Workshop scheduled for July 15, 2024.

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.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor