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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 10/24/2024

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:32 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 United States Flag 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) Trunk-R-Treat October 31, 2024, from 5:30 p.m-7:30 p.m.
 - b) Brush Country Market Days October 31, 2024, to November 2, 2024, at the Live Oak County Coliseum.
 - c) Dobie Dichos November 1, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
 - d) Concert in the Park (Riptide) November 2, 2024, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
 - a) **Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes-September 25, 2024.**
2. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for September 2024.
3. **Consideration and Action** to renew the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the City of George West for the onsite sewage facility program.
4. **Consideration and Action** to renew the Interlocal Agreement between the County of Live Oak and the City of George West for Health Department Inspections.

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (2) Air-Pack X3 Pro SCBA (2018 Edition) with CGA and Parachute Buckles from Municipal Emergency Services in the amount of \$ 19,693.60. (Approved for 2023-2024 Budget)

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

BUSINESS:

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for all city employees with the exception of the Chief of Police whose most recent salary adjustment was effective on October 26, 2023.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Shirley Holm stated the 3% COLA was included in the budget. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (1) MC360 Message Trailer (3'X6') w/Strobes from STALKER radar in the amount of \$ 18,500.00.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Andrew Garza was at TML and saw a couple of these at the exhibit hall. The council asked Chief if STALKER radar was a good brand, and chief responded that they are reputable, and we use them now. Chris Becker was present from STALKER radar, and he informed the council of all the features that come with this sign. It transmits data and will allow the Police Department to track how many vehicles travel through the area. It is solar powered and can last for up to 21 days in between charges. The next agenda item went into this because Chris informed the council that if they went with those signs on the HWY, they would have to be approved by TXDOT. He recommended a smaller trailer that has much of the same features as the MC360. This one would be the SAM3, the SAM3 runs for \$12,731.00. Mayor Garza negotiated \$12,000.00 out the door since we are purchasing the MC360, for 18,500.00. Mr. Becker said he would try to negotiate with his boss. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (2) PMG 12-inch display with Traffic Analyst from STALKER radar in the amount of \$ 7,091.00.

Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking (2) PMG 12 INCH DISPLAY and inserting (1) SAM3 18 inch display with traffic analyst from stalker radar not to exceed 12,731.99. Move as read Jearl. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda item #8 Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of (1) SAM3 18-inch display with Traffic Analyst from STALKER radar not to exceed \$12,731.99. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. Consideration and Action to approve the leveling repairs to the Buckwest House.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Rena McWilliams was present on behalf of the Buckwest House. She gave the council the history of how the city acquired the house. She also stated that for the last month when using the restroom, you cannot lock the door due to how much the house has shifted. USA Foundation repair came to the Buckwest House and provided an estimate of \$7,200.00. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by inserting at the end in the amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 from the HOT Funds account by USA Foundation Repair. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor amendment carried.

Amended Agenda item #9 Consideration and Action to approve the leveling repairs to the Buckwest House in the amount not to exceed \$7,200.00 from the HOT Funds account by USA Foundation Repair. All in favor. Motion carried.

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 City Manager Applicant.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council entered into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.

11. Reconvene.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The council reconvened at 7:51 p.m.

12. Consideration and Action to unappoint David Perkins as Assistant City Manager.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Consideration and Action to appoint a City Manager effective December 2, 2024.

a) Oath of Office to be administered by the Mayor on Monday, December 2, 2024.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone until the next council meeting. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. In Executive Session we discussed with the applicant Stephen Mayfield and the council has agreed to make him an offer for the City Manager Position in the amount of \$97,500.00 per year. Mr. Mayfield requested that the council wait until he speaks with this wife to make sure this is the type of move that he wants to make. Mr. Mayfield will contact Mayor Garza tomorrow morning with a decision. If he accepts, we will appoint him at the November meeting. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Agenda item #13 was postponed.

BRIEFINGS:

14. Interim City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for September 2024.
- b) City and Project Updates
- c) Advertising Concert in the Park (Riptide) 11/02/2024 \$ 1,000.00 HOT Funds

Ms. Holm gave the Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending September 2024. The General Fund is 106% of the budget for revenue and 102% of the budget for expenditures. In the Utility Fund, we are 93% of budget for revenue and 90% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are ending the fiscal year with a surplus of funds. The current budgets planned were anticipated appropriately. Both funds reflect a net positive balance of combined balance of \$158,349.24. The bank balance total is \$ 2,328,787. The City is financially sound at the end of FY 2023-2024.

Other projects included having a concert in the City Park 11/02/2024 by Riptide in honor of the many years that they played for Storyfest. The Council directed Ms. Holm to pay Riptide \$ 1,000 and Ralph Lopez \$ 500 out of HOT Funds. Ms. Holm reported that the Painting of the City Pavillion is 90% complete and will be 100% complete by October 31, 2024. We are still awaiting the approval of the FY 2025 Community Grant for (2) generators for the Water Well#3 and WWTP. RFP for the administrator of the TxCDBG 2025-2026 TDA Grant in the amount of \$750,000 has been sent out with a deadline of October 29, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Arrangements have been made for Republic to place 2 roll off containers in Menchaca Park to assist in cleaning up some specific areas. USA Foundation Repair is coming in November 2024 to evaluate leveling of GWPD and GW City Hall. The next TNR for the cats is November 8, 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.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor