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City of George West



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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/18/2024

- I. Call Meeting to Order- **Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**All council was present.**
- III. Invocation-**Mayor 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
NONE
- VII. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a) City offices will be closed on December 24, 2024, and December 25, 2024, for the Christmas holiday.
 - b) Big Lou's Cookin' Crew will be having an event at the County Park.
 - c) New Year's Eve event at the Fairgrounds \$10 admission and domino tournament.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the January 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 November 18, 2024.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for November 2024.

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 approved.

RESOLUTION:

4. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2024-19, Articles of Incorporation,

for the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. John Walker addressed that there were many typing errors in the document. D'Ann Lane and City Attorney, Epi Ysassi made the necessary changes prior to the meeting. The council discussed them possibly meeting every other month. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

ORDINANCE:

5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 933 Amendment No. 222 a request by Sabrina Ramon for a Variance to Chapter 28, Manufactured and Mobile Homes, of the Codification of Ordinances, to place a HUD-Code Manufactured Home in the WASHINGTON HEIGHTS TRACT PART 38 (LOT 9 & 10) (AKA 400 ZAPATA ST.)

Mayor Garza opened a public hearing at 5:45 p.m. There were no objections. Mayor Garza closed the hearing at 5:47 p.m.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. The council looked at all the pictures and information provided on the mobile home. Sabrina Ramon informed the council that this home is much newer and in better condition than what they are currently living in. The council called for a vote. All in favor. First Reading was approved.

BUSINESS

6. Consideration and Action to approve a bid secured through an Interlocal Agreement with Live Oak County, approved in Live Oak County Commissioner's Court on December 2, 2024, from J. CARROL WEAVER, INC., for seal coating.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm passed out the bids she had received. The council would like more information before they vote. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone until the next City Council meeting on December 30, 2024. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Motion carried.

INTERVIEWS FOR CITY MANAGER:

7. Applicant(s) for City Manager will be interviewed by the City Council in a question-and-answer format conducted in Open Session. Each applicant will end their interview by briefly addressing the citizens of George West. (There will be NO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)

a) Cox, William

William Cox was interviewed by the council.

- 8. 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(s).

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session. Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Motion carried. The council entered into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m.

9. RECONVENE

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Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Motion carried. The council reconvened at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Garza announced that no decisions were made during the Executive Session. The Council is extremely interested in partnering with Mr. Cox, and he has agreed to do reference checks.

BUSINESS:

- 10. Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:**

- a) Discussion on 406 Nueces St.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. This agenda item will be postponed until a later meeting.

11. RECONVENE

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BRIEFINGS:

12. Interim City Manager's Report:

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

13. 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

Ms. Holm gave the Revenue and Expense Report for the period ending November 2024. The General Fund is 24% of the budget for revenue and 17% of the budget for expenditures. Revenue for the first two months is In the Utility Fund; we are 15% of budget for revenue and 12% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the planned budget of 17% of budget. The general and utility funds have a combined net positive balance of \$ 222,124. The bank balance total is \$ 2,497,244.

14. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor