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Council
Nathan Stroleny
David Ainsworth
John Walker

REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/27/2025

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-Roll Call by City Secretary D'Ann Lane all council was present with Jearl Rannefeld appearing by Zoom.
- 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) George West High School Graduation will be at Longhorn Field on May 23, 2025, at 8:00 p.m.

BUSINESS:

1. City Secretary to administer Oath of Office to the Mayor of George West.

Andrew Garza-Mayor

2. Mayor to administer Oath of Office to reelected City Council Members.

**Jearl Rannefeld-City Council Place 2
John Walker-City Council Place 4**

3. **Consideration and Action** to select a Mayor Pro-Tem.
Mayor to administer the oath.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. John Walker nominated Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by removing the word a and inserting Jearl Rannefeld as. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #3 Consideration and Action to select Jearl Rannefeld as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Garza called for a vote. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 4. Consideration and Action to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:30 p.m.**
- 5. Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:
a) Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes April 29, 2025.**
- 6. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for April 2025.**
- 7. Consideration and Action to ratify the purchase of (1) Aerator Gear Box for the Top Basin of the Waste Water Plant, in the amount of \$11,563.42, from Odessa Pumps & Equipment, Inc.**
- 8. Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2025-07, a Resolution of the City of George West authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its Rider Mobile Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities before the commission**

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. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

- 9. Consideration and Action to approve Ordinance No. 934, an Ordinance creating a position entitled "Financial Director," establishing appointment, responsibilities, duties, and providing a savings clause.**

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by after approve inserting The First Reading of. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #9 Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 934, an Ordinance creating a position entitled "Financial Director," establishing appointment, responsibilities, duties, and providing a savings clause. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. First Reading was approved.

BUSINESS:

- 10. Consideration and Action to appoint Shirley Holm as Financial Director, for the City of George West.**

Mayor Garza to administer the Oath

Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for

a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. Consideration and Action to open the Municipal Swimming Pool and Splashpad from June 1, 2025, to July 31, 2025.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the Council that the swimming pool is painted, and we will be getting it filled soon. The SplashPad will be open all day for the 4th of July event. City Secretary D'Ann Lane asked about someone interested in doing swimming lessons at the pool. The Council agreed it was a good service, but she would have to work around the pool schedule. Mayor Garza called for a vote. Motion carried.

12. Consideration and Action to approve a street closure at 207 Austin St. between Colorado and San Marcos for community service work by the B3 Youth Group Work Camp May 28-31, 2025.

Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Shirley Holm stated that they were able to put the container in the yard, so street closures would not be necessary. Mayor Garza said it would be better to keep it on the agenda, just in case it is needed. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. Discussion on the construction of a wall and mural at the Public Works Yard as approved in 2024.

Shirley Holm gave an update that the artist is behind due to medical reasons. The council gave different ideas on how they would like the wall to be constructed.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The rules were suspended, and we moved to the council reports.

14. 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 Public Works Department.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The Council entered into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

15. RECONVENE

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Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council reconvened at 7:32 p.m.

BRIEFINGS:

16. City Manager's Report:

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for April 2025.
- b) City and Project Updates

Shirley Holm, Financial Director, gave the Financial Report for April 2025. She reported that the period ending April 2025 reflected that the General Fund is 72% of the budget for revenue and 58% of the budget for expenditures. The Utility Fund is 56% of the budget for revenue and 52% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the planned budget of 59%. The general and utility funds have a combined net positive balance of \$ 392,700. The bank balance total is \$ 2,619,816. Ms. Holm reported that initial reviews and meetings with Department Heads in preparation for the FY 2025-2026 Budget has begun with recommendations to the City Council by the end of July 2025. Ms. Holm also reported that the city received notification that the TDA-Texas Community Development Block Grant Program approved their first round in the application process. An upcoming Public Hearing will be needed prior to July 1, 2025 with Administrative & Engineering Servies to be recommended for award to follow. The deadline for final application is August 1, 2025. If awarded the current reserved amount of \$1,000,000 for Downtown Revitalization, the city will need to match \$ 50,000.

Darrell Pullin, City Manager, gave the following 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
- f) Live Oak Medical Response Team 1

18. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor