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# City of George West



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## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 19, 2025

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**David Ainsworth was not present.**
- III. Invocation-**Invocation was led by Mayor Andrew Garza.**
- 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) George West Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.
  - b) Hometown Jamboree next weekend.
  - c) Casino Night for the Boys and Girls Club.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the July 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 May 27, 2025.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for May 2025.
4. **Consideration and Action** to conduct a Public Hearing to solicit input on future project selection for the Texas Community Development Grant Program (TxCDBG) for the Downtown Revitalization Program on June 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

**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.**

**PRESENTATION:**

- 5. City of George West Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024.**

**Deborah F. Fraser, CPA, CGMA- Armstrong, Vaughan and Associates, P.C.  
(15 Minutes)**

**Mayor Garza entertained a motion to table this presentation, because the auditor was stuck in traffic. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The presentation was tabled until later in the meeting.**

**Jearl Rannefeld moved to bring agenda item #5 back to the table. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor.**

**Deborah Fraser gave her audit report the City is looking really good. She informed the council that the staff is really quick to get her the information she is requesting.**

**ORDINANCE**

- 6. Consideration and Action to ratify the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 934, an Ordinance creating a position entitled "Financial Director," establishing appointment, responsibilities, duties, and providing a savings clause.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. This was approved at the last meeting, just needs to be ratified. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- 7. Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 935, an Amendment to Ordinance No. 930, amending garbage rates beginning August 1, 2025.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. These rates were locked in 2022, so it is time for them to increase. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**BUSINESS:**

- 8. Consideration and Action to approve a Variance of Ordinance No. 922, for the George West Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, an Ordinance regarding Fireworks in the city limits.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. The city would need a variance to the Ordinance to allow the Chamber to have fireworks at their event. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

- 9. Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of (1) Power-Trac Tractor and attachments for the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$18,750.00 from**

Power-Trac.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. City Manager Darrell Pullin explained to the Council how this could be useful at the Waste Water Plant. It would allow the drying beds to be cleaned out easier and allow 1 employee to scoop all the sludge out. He would also like to purchase an attachment to be able to mow out there. Mayor Garza called for a vote. 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) 90-day performance evaluation for Chief of Police, Nathaniel Valverde.

**Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Rules have been suspended move to number 13.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.**

**11. RECONVENE**

**ZOOM ID: 817 2367 8025**

**PASSWORD: 171093**

**Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council reconvened at 8:29 p.m.**

**12. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for Chief of Police, Nathaniel Valverde.**

**Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by at the end inserting in the amount of \$79,040.00 effective June 19, 2025. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Amendment carried.**

**Amended Agenda item #12 Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for Chief of Police, Nathaniel Valverde in the amount of \$79,040.00 effective June 19, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**13. Discussion on selling City of George West Natural Gas.**

**City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the Council that Simon Pena let him know a company wanted more information about our Natural Gas. The city is still interested in selling the**

gas. When CenterPoint was interested, they had an issue with the City of Three Rivers, because we are connected. Before we talk to potential buyers contact the City of Three Rivers, to see if they are willing to sell also.

**14. Discussion on Emergency Siren for the City of George West.**

Mayor Andrew Garza would like the city to look into fixing our siren. When the tornado hit in town nobody knew it was coming because our sirens were down.

**BRIEFINGS:**

**15. City Manager and Financial Director's Report:**

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

Shirley Holm, Financial Director, gave the Financial Report for May 2025. She reported that the General Fund is 78% of the budget for revenue and 65% of the budget for expenditures. The Utility Fund is 63% of the budget for revenue and 61% of budget for expenditures. Both Funds are well within the planned budget of 67%. The general and utility funds have a combined net positive balance of \$ 359,272. The bank balance total is \$ 2,545,849. The City of George West is financially sound. FY 2025-2026 Budget preparation is currently underway. The CD#24917 for \$235,000 matures on 06/27/2025 and we are exploring all alternatives for the highest interest rate.

**16. 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

Darrell Pullin gave his updates. Right now, there is a gas leak on Trinity Street, and he is working on getting prices to fix the lines. On the next agenda there will be the drought contingency plan. Darrell Pullin has also been working on getting our SCADA system running correctly. The swimming pool will be available for rentals once all the lights are fixed. Speed bumps are being placed on Lagarto Rd. and more will be added around town, where we see necessary.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Rules have been reinstated. Back to agenda item #5.

**17. Adjournment.**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.