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# City of George West



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**Mayor**  
Andrew J. Garza

**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
Jearl Rannefeld

**Council**  
Nathan Stroleny  
David Ainsworth, Jr.  
John Walker

## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/21/2025

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**Roll Call by City Secretary D'Ann Lane, all council was present with David Ainsworth on 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 Homecoming Parade will be September 19, 2025.
  - b) Football Games will be starting up next week.
  - c) GWISD received an A Rating
  - d) Live Oak County Volunteer Medical Response Team 1 is selling raffle tickets.
  - e) Congressman Henry Cuellar came by the office to talk about USDA Grants.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the September 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 7/17/2025.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for July 2025.
4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the closure of Guadalupe St., between Travis and Crockett St., from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 19, 2025, for the St. George Catholic Church Annual Turkey Dinner.

5. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2025-08, authorizing signatories for the 2025-26 DRP application and future grants administered through Texas Department of Agriculture TDA Go grants online.

**Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Nothing was pulled. All in favor. Motion carried.**

## **BUSINESS**

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the distribution evenly to the following organizations:

- a) **Animal Control Support Group**
- b) **Boys & Girls Club of Live Oak County**
- c) **Dobie West Performing Art Theatre**
- d) **Live Oak County Child Welfare**
- e) **Unify to Beautify**

**Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Open for discussion. These are the donations that citizens can donate to on their utility bills. The city passes this every year. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the distribution of .25 cents collected on the utility bill as a donation for the George West Volunteer Fire Department.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. This is the .25 donation to the George West Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between and Among The City of George West, The City of Three Rivers, and Live Oak County to provide adequate shelter for dogs in Live Oak County.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza wrote this memo and sent a copy to Live Oak County where County Attorney Robert McWillimas reviewed it. John Walker said it looked good. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

9. **Discussion** on City of George West Trunk-R-Treat 2025.

**Municipal Court Judge Yolanda Guerrero was present to discuss this topic, because Municipal Court puts on this event. The Court Clerk Evelyn Rivera will be in charge this year because the Judge and other city staff will be at the TML Conference. The Police**

Department and the City of George West will have (1) table to ensure someone is always present there during the event. Judge Guerrero suggested that we close the block around the Trunk-R-Treat event to prevent cars/ATVs/Golfcarts from driving through where the tables are setup and potentially causing an accident.

**10. Discussion on Proposed FY 2025-2026 Budget.**

Financial Director Shirley Holm went over the new Proposed Budget with small changes from what was previously discussed. She added some equipment purchases, and 2 staff members were moved to streets. City Manager Darrell Pullin and Financial Director Shirley Holm got together to put equipment in PD, streets 60,000, Animal Control 25,000, Fire Department 20,000. Salaries and Benefits went up 26,963 adding the LT in PD.

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. We will move to the Revenue and Expense Reports.

**11. 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 City Manager, Darrell Pullin.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council entered Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

**12. RECONVENE**

**ZOOM ID: 856 4682 7773**

**PASSWORD: 261893**

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. The Council reconvened at 7:41 p.m.

**13. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for City Manager, Darrell Pullin.**

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza stated that Mr. Pullin got a rating of 97 which exceeds expectations. He made a motion to amend agenda item #13 by at the end inserting of \$5,000.00 for a total annual salary of \$92,506.00 commencing immediately. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried.

**Amended Agenda Item #13**

**Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for City Manager, Darrell Pullin of \$5,000.00 for a total annual salary of \$92,506.00 commencing immediately. Mayor Garza**

called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**BRIEFINGS:**

**14. City Manager and Financial Director Reports:**

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

**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
- f) Live Oak County Volunteer Medical Response Team 1

**Financial Director Shirley Holm gave the Financial Report for July 2025. She reported that the General Fund is 96% of the budget for revenue and 88% of the budget for expenditures. The Utility Fund is 78% of the budget for revenue and 78% of budget for expenditures. General Fund is within the planned budget of 84%, however, the Utility Fund is 22% under planned budget for revenue collections. The general and utility funds have a combined net positive balance of \$ 185,822. The bank balance total is \$ 2,212,431. The City of George West is financially sound. FY 2025-2026 Proposed Budget & Tax Rate is ready for Public Hearings in September 2025.**

**City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the council that we have hit a snag on Toscano. There has been an issue with an old cast iron sewer pipe, we are in the process of getting that fixed. Repairs at the PD are on hold for now as the ground dries, we had 3 water leaks under the building, so the ground was wet. Martinez A/C was able to get the A/C fixed at the Police Department. Mr. Pullin is also doing some restructuring at Public Works.**

**Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the Rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The Rules were reinstated, and we went back to agenda item #11.**

**16. Adjournment.**

**The council meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Garza, Mayor