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Jearl Rannefeld

Council
Nathan Stroleny
David Ainsworth
John Walker

REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 11/20/2025

- 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) Lighting of the Park 12/4/2025 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
 - b) The Christmas Stroll 12/14/2025 begins at 5:00 p.m.
 - c) Chamber Mixer 2nd Tuesday December
 - d) Christmas Play
 - e) George West Longhorn Playoff Game against Lexington November 21, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the December 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 October 16, 2025.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for October 2025.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled. Mayor Garza pulled Agenda Item #3. Mayor Garza called for a vote on the remaining items. All in favor. Motion carried.

The council went back to Agenda Item #3. Mayor Garza went over Accounts Payable

including the payments for IT Services. He would like the city to explore more options when it comes to IT and get more information on other licenses we can get for Microsoft. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to approve Agenda Item #3. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

4. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the adoption of Resolution 2025-09 submitting 85 votes in support of Darrell Pullin for the Live Oak County Appraisal District Board for the 2026-2027 year.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

5. **Consideration and Action** to replace Resolution 2024-07, by adopting Resolution 2025-10, approving the annual Investment Policy for Investing Funds for the City of George West for the year 2025.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm changed the Investment Policy, adding Darrell Pullin as the City Manager. The Council would like to read the Investment Policy, before approving this Resolution. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The Investment Policy Resolution was postponed.

6. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the adoption of Resolution 2025-11 approving the submission of an application for the DJ-EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. This Resolution was pushed back because it required more information that was not required before. We made the necessary changes and will be resubmitting the Resolution. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (1) Chevrolet Tahoe 1GNS5UED9SR328326 from Parkway Chevrolet, Inc., in the amount of \$53,537.00 for the George West Police Department.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Chief Nathaniel Valverde stated that he was visiting with Sames Fleet, and they can give him a better deal on purchasing a new vehicle. They will also come to the yard and appraise our old vehicle for trade in going towards the purchase of the new vehicle. Mayor Garza stated that we will have to pull those vehicles from the original list to be auctioned. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 8. Consideration and Action** to approve the 2025 Annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner at the George West Event Center.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by at the end adding December 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #8 Consideration and Action to approve the 2025 Annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner at the George West Event Center December 19, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 9. Consideration and Action** to approve the annual incentive pay for City Employees in the amount of \$500.00 each to be distributed at the Annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking at the Annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner and inserting December 12, 2025. 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 annual incentive pay for City Employees in the amount of \$500.00 each to be distributed December 12, 2025. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 10. Consideration and Action** to approve the disbursement of \$15,000.00 of HOT FUNDS to the George West Chamber of Commerce for the exterior remodeling and landscaping.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza informed the council on all the necessary repairs that are needed at the Chamber. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 11. Consideration and Action** to approve a Memo of Understanding (MOU) between the City of George West and the Texas Department of Public Safety (TxDPS) as required by the Lone Star Grant No. 4578504.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Chief Valverde applied for a grant for new radios. All radios that will be purchased through a grant have to be approved via SWIC review. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 12. Consideration and Action** to approve the necessary steel repair work on the City of George West Water Tower, by MAGUIRE in the amount of \$15,900.00.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. City Manager Darrell

Pullin informed the council that the previous repair bill was \$7,500.00. But the further they got in the tower it was so deteriorated they could not weld it. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. 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 George West Police Department Administrative Structure.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to enter Executive Session. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council entered Executive Session at 6:23 p.m.

14. Reconvene

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Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

15. 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 the authority of City Council's Appointed Positions.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to enter Executive Session. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council entered into Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

16. 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. The council reconvened at 10:55 p.m.

17. Consideration and Action to convene into EXECUTIVE SESSION. In accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code (Consultation with Attorney), the

City Council may go into executive session to discuss the following:

- b) Adherence to City Council Directives.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for No Action. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

18. Reconvene

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19. 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) Performance evaluation for City Secretary, D'Ann Lane.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to enter Executive Session. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. This Agenda Item died due to lack of a Second.

20. Reconvene

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21. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for City Secretary, D'Ann Lane.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for No Action. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

22. City Manager and Financial Director's Reports:

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

City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the council that Old Marbach School wanted to keep the same agreement. The EDC had Mary Afuso join them from COG, and she gave them lots of ideas and insight on what they could do. They EDC would like to see the City's Strategic Plan. The EDC will set up a table of Lighting of the Park to survey the citizens on what they would like to see in the city. Pump 2 at Well 3 has been down since October 31, 2025, due to an electrical issue. The county would like to meet to talk about parking behind the courthouse. Mrs. Walker came to talk about signage for the museum.

Shirley Holm, Financial Director distributed financial reports that convey for the month of October 2025, the General and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of \$ 60,895. The bank balances are at \$2,026,842. The financial audit is still ongoing with results projected in December 2025 or January 2026. Auditors physically visited on November 18, 2025. A Pre-Award Meeting is planned with TDA is planned for December 2, 2025, for the Downtown Revitalization Block Grant.

23. 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

24. Adjournment.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council meeting was adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor