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Darrell Pullin

**City Secretary**  
D'Ann Lane

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# City of George West



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Andrew J. Garza

**Mayor Pro-Tem**  
Jearl Rannefeld

**Council**  
Nathan Stroleny  
David Ainsworth  
John Walker

## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 12/16/2025

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**Councilman Nathan Stroleny was not present for the meeting; he later joined via phone for the Executive Session.**
- III. Invocation-**Mayor Andrew Garza gave the invocation.**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States-**City Secretary D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.**
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-**City Secretary D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.**
- VI. Public Comments  
**NONE**
- VII. Announcements and Correspondence
  - a) City offices will be closed on December 24, 2025, and December 25, 2025, for the Christmas holiday.

## 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 20, 2025.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve a contract with the Defense Logistics Agency.
4. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the Street Closures of Travis, Frio, and Crockett around the George West City Park for Lighting of the Park, on December 4, 2025.
5. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the Street Closures of Frio and Bowie, Bowie and Crockett, Houston and HWY 281, Houston and San Antonio, Crockett and 281, Travis and San Antonio, Crockett and San Antonio, both sides of Guadalupe and Crockett,

Crockett and San Marcos. for the Christmas Stroll, on December 15, 2025.

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for November 2025.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Consent Agenda was passed.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Rules were suspended.

**PRESENTATION:**

7. **Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP- Robert Cuevas**

A presentation was made by Steven Saucedo from Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

**BUSINESS:**

8. **Consideration and Action** to approve the document titled Action Approving Contract between the City of George West and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve a contract between the City of George West and Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, for the Collection of Delinquent Special Assessment Accounts.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION:**

10. **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 David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm made some minor changes to the Investment Policy. The council will adopt as is and will replace the names when the open position is filled. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

11. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution 2025-12, authorizing the Collection Fees for Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Resolution was adopted.

**BUSINESS:**

12. **Consideration and Action** to authorize Chief of Police Nathaniel Valverde to accept off duty employment opportunities at The Dancing Elk.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. **Consideration and Action** to approve Darrell Pullin, City Manager to attend the TCMA William "King" Cole Training January 29-30, 2026, in Austin, Texas and March 26-27, 2026, in Boerne, Texas, which includes a registration cost of \$475 for both sessions.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Shirley Holm informed the council that these conferences are very city manager driven. City Manager Darrell Pullin would get a chance to network with other city managers. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. **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 David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Chief Valverde informed the council that he had not heard back from Sames. So, he decided to bring this vehicle back to the council. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to recess. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council recessed at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council reconvened at 5:19 p.m.

15. **Discussion** on City of George West Personnel Manual.

This agenda item will be postponed until the next meeting.

16. **Consideration and Action** to approve the termination of the Ol' Marbach School and the City of George West Contract for water supply.

**Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Ol' Marbach would like to stick with the old contract, but that contract has already expired. Darrell Pullin informed the council that Ol' Marbach may be interested in buying the facility and moving the meter. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to table. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Agenda item #16 was tabled.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. City Attorney Epi Ysassi has concerns about the contract he was under the impression that we were in the red. The council would like to do more research on the numbers since we are not in a deficit. Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. No action was taken on agenda item #16.**

**17. Discussion on Live Oak County Courthouse parking.**

**Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. The council would like someone from the county to come present their plans. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. There will be no action taken, and this agenda item will be brought back to the next city council meeting.**

**18. Consideration and Action to suspend any hourly wage increases unless approved by the George West City Council.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Any new raises Department Heads wish to bring to council will first have to be presented to the Financial Director, Shirley Holm. This will be the process until we have a better grasp on where we are financially. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**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) Discussion on Council Appointed Positions.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 5:26 p.m.**

**20. RECONVENE**

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**Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council reconvened at 8:25 p.m.**

**Mayor Garza entertained a motion to bring back agenda item #16. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The council moved back up to agenda item #16.**

**21. 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.**

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.**

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

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by after increase (in the amount of \$65,000.00 per year) and at the end of D'Ann Lane inserting (effective December 11, 2025.) Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried.**

**Amended Agenda Item #22 Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase in the amount of \$65,000.00 per year for City Secretary, D'Ann Lane effective December 11, 2025. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**23. RECONVENE**

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**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. The council reconvened at 8:40 p.m.**

**BRIEFINGS:**

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

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

**25. 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

City Manager Darrell Pullin gave his updates. Mr. Cole with the pest control service we currently use has closed his doors. Pump 2 at well 3 is still needing to get wiring done, the council instructed that as long as it was under \$10,000.00, he could approve the estimate on that work. The water tower has been fixed. Cactus Park Playground needs some attention. Darrell Pullin also asked the council how big they want the mural to be at Public Works. The irrigation system is working again in the downtown area.

Shirley Holm, Financial Director gave the financial reports for November 2025. The General Fund is 8% above budgeted planned Revenue, and the Expenditures are below budgeted plan by 4%. These are acceptable. The General Fund and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of \$ 410, 898. It should be noted that expenditures for health insurance & garbage fees for November 2025 were not expended for a total of 81,110. This amount will catch up in January 2026. The bank balances are \$2,083,152. Interest earned on investments is \$ 1,473 year to date. A Pre-Award Meeting was conducted with TDA on December 2, 2025, for the Downtown Revitalization Block Grant and it looks very promising.

**26. Adjournment.**

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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

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