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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  
John Walker

## REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/26/2026

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**David Ainsworth was absent.**
- 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 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) The Live Oak County Fair Parade will be in Three Rivers this year on February 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.
  - b) Live Oak County Fair Kick Off Concert February 28, 2026, featuring Chuck Briseno.
  - c) The Live Oak County Fair will be March 4, 2026-March 7, 2026.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the March 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 January 22, 2026.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for January 2026.
4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the street closure of Guadalupe Street between Travis Steet and Crockett Street on Sunday, April 12, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. for the annual St. George Catholic Church barbecue fundraiser.
5. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-01, Canceling the Regular City Officer's Election scheduled to be held on the 2nd day of May, 2026, in Accordance

with Section 2.053 (a) of the Texas Election Code; Directing the Giving of Notice of Such Cancellation of Election; and Providing Details relating to the Cancellation of Such Election.

Aprobar la Resolución Nro. 2026-01, Cancelando la Elección Regular de Funcionarios Municipales programada para celebrarse el día 2 de mayo de 2026 de acuerdo con la Sección 2.053 (a) del Código Electoral de Texas; instruyendo que se de aviso de tal cancelación de elección; y proveyendo detalles relativos a la cancelación de tal elección.

6. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-02, Civil Rights Policies and Procedures for the TxCDBG Contract # CDM25-0567, to include the HUD Section 3 presentation.
7. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the adoption of Resolution No. 2026-03, authorizing the submission of an application for the Operation Stonegarden Grant Program FY25.
8. **Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-04, approving the submission of the FY 2027 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) APPLICATIONS TO THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, DISTRICT 15 FOR POTENTIAL SUBMISSION TO THE U.S. HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

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.

**PRESENTATION:**

9. **City of George West Financial Audit Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025.**

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

Deborah F. Fraser, was present and gave the audit report to the council. She reported that the financial statements referred to in the audit are fairly stated, in all material respects, the respective governmental activities, business type activities, each major fund, and respective changes in financial position, and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2025 were in accordance with accounting principles accepted by GAAP. The city staff were commended for providing all documentation that they were asked to produce.

**BUSINESS:**

10. **Discussion** on generators for the City of George West.

City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the council that he had found a 500KW Generator for \$9,000.00. The city employees were at the yard to pick up the generator, when the original owners were loading it, they damaged the oil pan. The original owners ensured that they would have it fixed and we would be able to continue with the purchase.

**11. Discussion** on the Evaluation of the City of George West Asset Management Program for the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).  
**Shirley Holm and Darrell Pullin gave this discussion as part of a grant that we received. This survey has been great for Public Works they were able to enter their findings in the GIS so finding lines has become easier and for budgetary and capital investment purposes.**

**12. Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (2) K9s in the amount of \$19,000.00 utilizing the Police K9 Grant Program.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Sergeant Mari Gonzales was present for this action item. She applied for a grant, and the George West Police Department was actually awarded (2) K9s through the application. The grant will cover the cost of (2) K9s, and the city will be responsible for getting their officer trained. The county has agreed to donate (1) box for a unit for K9. The council directed the Chief of Police to add the Fentanyl Training for the K9s, the total for the additional training will be \$1,900.00 for both K9s. The K9 will be an asset to the city, as they have been very successful in other cities. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**13. Consideration and Action** to approve (2) George West Police Officers to attend the Police K9 Handlers Course 2026-B from April 6-17, 2026, in the amount of \$11,000.00, with \$8,000.00 procured through the Drug Forfeiture Fund and \$3,000.00 procured through the General Fund.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**14. Consideration and Action** to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs And Border Protection, United States Border Patrol, and the George West Police Department regarding the operation of George West Police Department Owned Mobile and Portable Radios on U.S. Customs and Border Protection Component Frequencies.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Chief Nathaniel Valverde explained that this would just allow us to be on the Border Patrol frequency. It would make it easier when trying to communicate with them. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.**

**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 Council Appointed Positions.

**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council entered Executive Session at 7:04 p.m.**

## **16. RECONVENE**

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**Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The council reconvened at 8:52 p.m.**

## **BRIEFINGS:**

### **17. City Manager and Financial Director's Reports:**

- a) Revenue and Expense Report for January 2026.
- b) City and Project Updates

**Darrell Pullin asked the council if they would be interested in updating our website and gave them the information on one of the sites we looked at. Well #3 and Pump #2 have had electrical work to replace the conduit, wiring and the panel. Darrell Pullin has training March 25-27 in Boerne Texas.**

**Shirley Holm gave the financial reports for January 2026. The General Fund is 13% above budget plan for Revenue, and the Expenditures are slightly above plan by 1%. The Utility Fund is under budget plan for Revenue by 1% and the Expenditures are 13% below budget plan. These are acceptable. The General Fund and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of \$419,590. The bank balances are \$2,263,548. Interest earned on investments is \$ 3,599 for year to date. Sales tax is currently averaging \$ 91,000, which is on target with budget. The Downtown Revitalization Block Grant CDM25-0567 timeline document for Langford Community Management Services was shared with the City Council for transparency of plan.**

### **18. 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

### **19. Adjournment.**

**The council meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.**