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Nathan Stroleny
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John Walker

REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 3/19/2026

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:34 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- **D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.**
- V. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas-**D'Ann Lane led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas.**
- VI. Public Comments
NONE

- VII. Announcements and Correspondence
 - a) The City of George West will be closed for Good Friday, on April 3, 2026.
 - b) St. George Catholic Church Annual BBQ Fundraiser April 12, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
 - c) Public Works was commended for their work on March 16, 2026, when there was a water main break.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the April 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 February 26, 2026.**
3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for February 2026.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried and Consent Agenda was approved.

BUSINESS:

4. Discussion on SplashPad and Swimming Pool.

City Manager Darrell Pullin asked the Council what they wanted to do about the Swimming Pool and the SplashPad. The council stated that the children do need some recreation within the city, but the SplashPad wastes a lot of water. Darrell Pullin informed the Council that the City of Beeville will be putting in 2-3 wells in. Darrell was directed to determine what aquifer they would be tapping into. According to Grady Adkinson the City of Corpus should be on a different aquifer. This item was requested to be brought back to the next council meeting when we have more information.

5. Discussion on George West Police Department K9 and Policy.

Mayor Andrew Garza congratulated the Chief, because Operation Lone Star Grant could potentially absorb the cost of both K9s and the city would not need to use any funds from the General Fund. Chief Valverde asked the council what they would like him to add in the policy he is creating for the future K9 handlers. The council suggested things like radius, housing for animals, and on-call rotations. Chief will put together a policy and bring it to council for approval.

6. Discussion on traffic control in the City of George West.

Councilman John Walker requested this be put on the agenda. The traffic in the city is not going to decrease anytime soon. They are building a refinery in Brownsville, so he feels that that will increase traffic even more. The officers doing traffic need to patrol the intersections more, due to the 18-wheelers coming through town often disregarding speed signs. There was an accident last weekend involving an 18-wheeler during the little rain we had, and it really raised concerns. We owe it to the citizens to be proactive. The Police Department will coordinate with the (3) SRO officers we have to rotate times during their day so that they can patrol certain areas.

7. Discussion on HOME Program.

City Secretary D'Ann Lane informed the Council that the grant application was kicked back from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Due to them using the ACS Census Report, the population for City of George is 3,067; therefore, the Match pledge should be 3%. The council did not think the census they used was accurate.

RESOLUTION:

- 8. Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2026-05, authorizing the submission of a Texas Home Investment Partnerships Program Application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.**

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld.

Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. There was no action on Agenda Item #8.

- 9. Consideration and Action** to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06, authorizing the submission of an application for the FY2027 Operation LoneStar Grant No. 4578505.

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

BUSINESS:

- 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) Discussion on Council Appointed Positions.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 6:49 p.m.

11. RECONVENE

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Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council reconvened at 8:39 p.m.

BRIEFINGS:

12. City Manager and Financial Director's Reports:

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

13. 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 briefings. He will monitor water well levels with the well watchers we recently purchased due to surrounding areas turning to groundwater. Well #3 pump #2 was sent out for seal repair the shop is quoting \$8,500.00 to get it repaired. There will be a Standard Comprehensive Audit from March 30th-April 3rd and there will be

a more detailed inspection over the whole system. City Manager Darrell Pullin has training from March 25th-March 27th in Boerne Texas. Simon Pena hosted a required training session on March 2, 2026; Leak Complaint & Emergency Repair we had 6 city employees in attendance. There was a major water leak at the intersection of Fannin and Pecos which triggered the Boil Water notice, which has since been rescinded.

Shirley Holm gave the financial reports for February 2026. The General Fund is 15% above budget plan for Revenue, and the Expenditures are as planned. The Utility Fund is as planned for Revenue and the Expenditures are 6% below budget plan. These are acceptable. The General Fund and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of \$502,214. The bank balances are \$2,157,827 Interest earned on investments is \$ 4,298 for year to date.

14. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. The council meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor