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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 6/30/2026

- I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.**
- II. Roll Call-**All council was present (Nathan Stroleny was not present, but has been removed from council)**
- III. Invocation-**Mayor Andrew 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 Texas Flag.**
- VI. Public Comments

Daniel Diaz was present to give a public comment on 713 Dominguez St. Mr. Diaz owns the house at 713 Dominguez; he currently cannot access the house due to a bridge being removed.

Ricardo Garcia Tagle was present to give a public comment for his client Mari Gonzales. Mr. Tagle stated Mari Gonzales was not allowed to make a statement. Mr. Tagle alleges that no investigation was carried out, and the termination process was not followed.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) Live Oak County 4th of July Celebration.
- b) City Hall will be closed July 3, 2026.
- c) George West Chamber of Commerce 4th of July Parade.
- d) George West Night at the Hooks was very successful.
- e) B3 work camp was able to help 3 local families.
- f) City of George West had a successful auction.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to change the time of the July 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 May 27, 2026.**

3. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for May 2026.

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the street closures of Fannin Street, Travis Street and Nueces Street on Saturday, July 4, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the Live Oak County 4th of July Celebration.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled. Nothing was pulled. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Joe Fiest to the Building Standards Board effective immediately.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Andrew Garza spoke to Mr. Fiest, and he is willing to serve on the Building Standards Board. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Discussion** on the HOT Funds money allocated for the July 4, 2026, celebration.

Mayor Garza attended a meeting for the celebration, and they have a surplus of money.

7. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Building Standards Board recommendation to demolish the building at 400 Austin St.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. The home remodeled at 400 Austin St. did not pull any necessary city permits. The council directed Bob Crank to charge the owner for the permits and put a lien on the property until the permits are paid. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Discussion** on letter sent to Code Enforcement Officer Bob Crank regarding 713 Dominguez St.

Bob Crank showed the council pictures of the property; the bridge was rotted out because it was made of wood. The council would like City Manager Darrell Pullin to speak with the owners to try to come to a solution.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve a contract between the City of George West and Old Marbach School Water Supply Corporation.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. City Attorney Epi Ysassi has not seen a final contract. Old Marbach School Water Supply Corporation sent a response back to our offer with modifications, but not a final contract. City Attorney Epi Ysassi suggested that the council table this agenda item. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone until the July meeting. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld.

Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried. This required a 2/3 vote, and Mayor Garza voted aye.

- 10. Consideration and Action** to approve the \$2000.00 sign-on incentive Memorandum of Understanding between the City of George West and any potential City of George West Police Officers.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Chief of Police Nathaniel Valverde provided the council with copies of the proposed Memorandum. Mayor Andrew Garza went through the Memorandum and made changes. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to postpone. Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 11. Consideration and Action** to approve a retention increase in the amount of .25 cents per hour for current Patrol, SRO, K-9, and Investigation Officers effective July 2, 2026.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Financial Director Shirley Holm informed the council that all employees of the city just received a one-time COLA incentive. Financial Director Shirley Holm and City Manager Darrell Pullin also mentioned to the council that there are other city employees that may question why their departments did not get included in the increase. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

- 12. 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:

a) Oakwood Addition.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion for no action was carried.

13. RECONVENE

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- 14. 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) Council Appointed Positions.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The council

entered Executive Session at 6:44 p.m.

15. RECONVENE

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Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. The Council reconvened at 10:20 p.m.

- 16. 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) Chief of Police.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. This requires 2/3 vote. Mayor Garza voted aye. For the record during council appointed positions Mayor Garza was told to step out in which he obliged. The Presiding Officer during the Executive Session was Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld in which the Certified Agenda was completed, signed and dated by him, and will be provided to the City Secretary at the end of the meeting.

17. RECONVENE

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- 18. Consideration and Action** on the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, or Discipline of the Chief of Police.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion for no action. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. Motion carried for no action.

BRIEFINGS:

19. City Manager and Financial Director's Report:

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

City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the council on recent updates. Well #3 pump #2 is ordered with a ship date of 7/24/2026. Public Works is continuing to clean up brush along fences, low trees, cleaning drainage ditches, and patching. The Clarifier at the WWTP inside skirting is rotting and we are currently working on getting that fixed.

Financial Director Shirley Holm gave the financial reports for May 2026. The General Fund

is 9% above budget plan for Revenue, and the Expenditures are exactly budget plan. The Utility Fund is on budget for Revenue, and the Expenditures are 7% below budget plan. These are acceptable. The General Fund and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of \$ 374,290. The bank balances are \$2,168,626. Interest earned on investments is \$ 6,303.02 for year to date. Ms. Holm also reported that the Buck West House Visitor Center renovation as reached \$ 28,349.87, which included \$ 16,633.28 in labor, \$ 11,256.61 in materials, and \$ 459.98 in electrical expenses. It appears that a new contractor may need to be pursued to complete the job soon and to evaluate if it can be finished under the \$ 35,000 maximum approved amount for expenditure. This project began in March 2026.

20. 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 Medical Response Team 1

21. Adjournment.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor