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Darrell Pullin

City Secretary
D'Ann Lane

Financial Director
Shirley Holm

City Attorney
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City of George West



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Andrew J. Garza

Mayor Pro-Tem
Jearl Rannefeld

Council
Nathan Stroleny
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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 5/27/2026

- I. Call Meeting to Order-Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.
- II. Roll Call-Councilman David Ainsworth, Jr. joined the meeting at 5:57 p.m.
- 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
Michelle Crisp gave a public comment thanking the City of George West for adopting the Parade of Flags and their ongoing partnership with Unify to Beautify. They would like the City to clean up tress along business 59.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

- a) George West City Hall will be closed May 25, 2026, for Memorial Day.
- b) Bulky Pickup will be on May 28, 2026.
- c) Cyclist Matt King will be coming through George West May 28, 2026.
- d) George West High School Graduation will be at Longhorn Field on May 29, 2026, at 8:00 p.m.
- e) City of George West Auction will be held on May 30, 2026.
- f) George West Night at the Hooks June 19, 2026.
- g) B3 Work Camp will take place from June 21-24, 2026.
- h) Area Go-Texan June 27, 2026, at 101 Bar Ranch.
- i) Red River will be shown at the Dobie West Theatre on July 3, 2026.
- j) The County and Cities will have a July 4th event.
- k) Mayor Garza made a special announcement and introduced K-9 Gunner to the City Council.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to suspend the rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. The council moved to Agenda Item #2.

BUSINESS:

1. Mayor to administer Oath of Office to reelected City Council Member.

Nathan Stroleny-City Council Place 1

Mayor Andrew Garza gave the Oath of Office to Council Members David Ainsworth, Jr. and Nathan Stroleny.

2. Consideration and Action to approve the appointment of David Ainsworth, Jr. to City Council Place 3.
Mayor to administer the Oath.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. This item is a Roll Call Vote. Roll Call Vote as follows:

Mayor Andrew Garza-AYE
Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld-AYE
Councilman Place 1 Nathan Stroleny-AYE
Councilman Place 4 John Walker-AYE

All in favor. Motion carried.

The council moved to Agenda Item #1.

3. Consideration and Action to select a Mayor Pro-Tem.
Mayor to administer the Oath.

John Walker nominated Jearl Rannefeld. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by (striking a and inserting Jearl Rannefeld as) Move as read by David Ainsworth, Jr. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #3 Consideration and Action to select Jearl Rannefeld as Mayor Pro-Tem. All in favor. Motion carried. Mayor administered the Oath to Jearl Rannefeld.

CONSENT AGENDA:

4. Consideration and Action to change the time of the June City Council Regular Session Meeting to 5:30 p.m.
5. Consideration and Action to approve the following minutes:
a) Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes April 23, 2026.
6. Consideration and Action to approve Accounts Payable for April 2026.
7. Consideration and Action to adopt Resolution No. 2026-07, a Resolution of the City of

George West authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its Rider Mobile Temporary Emergency Electric Energy Facilities before the commission.

8. **Consideration and Action** to ratify Resolution No. 2026-08, approving the submission of an application for the FY 2026 Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure and Safety Modernization Grant Program (NGDISM).
9. **Consideration and Action** to approve Maria Hinojosa to offer swimming lessons at the George West Swimming Pool.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

10. **PUBLIC HEARING** Consideration and Action to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance No. 938 approving the George West Police Department K-9 Policy.

The Mayor and City Council opened a Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. There was no opposition the Mayor and City Council closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 p.m. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza read the changes recommended by City Attorney, Epi Ysassi. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

11. **Consideration and Action** to ratify the contract between the City of George West and Cintas to provide uniforms for Public Works employees.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the council of the ongoing troubles we have had over the last couple of years with UniFirst. He thinks that starting fresh with a new company will be a positive change. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (1) pump for Well #3 Booster Pump #2 in the amount of \$14,960.00 from Pump Solutions, Inc.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open of discussion. Darrell Pullin got estimates on rebuilding the pump, but purchasing a new one was a better deal. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. **Consideration and Action** to approve the installation of a transfer switch and electrical work for the generator at the Wastewater Plant in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. This is a need at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; we need this to meet TCEQ requirements. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. Consideration and Action to surplus equipment and supplies as described in Exhibit 2026-02.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza has been assisting Chief Valverde getting everything surplus for the auction. There are a few items that may need to be added to the list and ratified at the next council meeting. The city is working with the county and offering them the option to purchase lights that have been removed from our Police Department vehicles. The lights must only be sold to licensed first responders. Live Oak County Volunteer Medical Response Team 1 may be interested in purchasing lights, along with some Police Officers to use for their off-duty jobs. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

The council moved to Agenda Item #17.

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.

16. RECONVENE

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17. 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) 1 year performance evaluation for Chief of Police, Nathaniel Valverde.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for vote. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 6:32 p.m.

18. 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. The council reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

19. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for Chief of Police, Nathaniel Valverde.

There was no motion on agenda item #19. Agenda Item #19 died for lack of motion.

The city council moved to Financials and City Manager Briefings.

20. 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) 1 year performance evaluation for City Manager, Darrell Pullin.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by Nathan Stroleny. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council entered Executive Session at 9:36 p.m.

21. RECONVENE

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Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. The council reconvened at 9:57 p.m.

22. Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for City Manager, Darrell Pullin.

Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend Agenda Item #22 by at the end of Pullin (inserting in the amount of \$1,200.00 annually commencing May 28, 2026.) Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #22 Consideration and Action to approve a salary increase for City Manager, Darrell Pullin in the amount of \$1,200.00 annually commencing on May 28, 2026. All in favor. Motion carried.

BRIEFINGS:

23. City Manager and Financial Director Reports:

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

24. 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

City Manager Darrell Pullin reported that the well monitor shows that it's been staying around 85 feet, but drops to around 130-150 feet when running. Public Works is continuing their efforts to clean up brush, low trees, drainage ditches, and working on patching streets. The swimming pool is almost completely empty and cleaned. Marbach responded and their response will be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

Shirley Holm gave the financial reports for April 2026. The General Fund is 11% above budget plan for Revenue, and the Expenditures are 8% over 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 \$448,238. The bank balances are \$2,140,885. Interest earned on investments is \$ 5,627 for year to date.

Chief Nathaniel Valverde reported that our K-9s will be using the Dog Team Pro software to track all the training and daily activities of our K-9s.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read by Nathan Stroleny. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld. All in favor. The rules were reinstated.

The council went back up to Agenda Item #20.

25. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor