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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8/27/2026

I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Garza called the meeting to order at 5:35 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) Market Days will be November 5-7, 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
   a) Regular Session City Council Meeting Minutes July 27, 2026.

2. **Consideration and Action** to approve Accounts Payable for July 2026.

Mayor Garza asked if anything needed to be pulled from the agenda. Nothing was pulled. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

3. **Consideration and Action to** approve the **Second Reading of Ordinance No. 939**, amending Ordinance 826-A, providing for the amendment of City Council Policies Section 1, Sub-section A, changing the time of the Regular Session City Council Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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

4. **Consideration and Action** to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance No. 940,** an Amendment to Ordinance No. 935, amending garbage rates beginning October 1, 2026.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza stated that this was the same 4% for Residential and Commercial that Republic goes up every year, according to our 7-year contract. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **Consideration and Action** to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance No. 941** amending Ordinance No. 670-B, revising rates for the waterworks system.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Financial Director Shirley Holm asked if we could have more time to research what exactly the 10% increase prices would be. The council suggested that they pass the Ordinance as is because it is a flat 10% increase across the board. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve the **First Reading of Ordinance No. 942** amending Ordinance No. 671-B, revising rates for the wastewater system.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Again, the council agreed to pass the Ordinance as is because the 10% increase was across the board. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

7. **Presentation** by Alan Dubois for the Economic Development Commission.

Alan Dubois gave an amazing presentation to the council on everything that George West has to offer.

8. **Discussion** on EDC meeting held on August 12, 2026.

The council discussed the EDC meeting that was held on August 12, 2026. John Walker informed the other council members that the EDC has 2 new members Joe Fiest, and Lloyd Molina.

9. **Consideration and Action** to approve the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Financial Director Shirley Holm presented the FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget with the input from council members from both the 8/18/2026 & 8/24/2026 Budget Workshops. Mayor Garza called for a vote.

Roll Call Vote:
Mayor Andrew Garza-AYE
Mayor Pro-Tem Jearl Rannefeld-AYE
Council Place 3 David Ainsworth-AYE
Council Place 4 John Walker-AYE

This motion was approved with a unanimous vote.

10. **Consideration and Action** to increase Ramon Zuniga Jr's hourly rate in the amount of $2.00 for completion of probationary period and obtaining a Class C Surface Water License effective immediately.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the Council that Ramon Zuniga Jr. had completed his 90 probationary period and had obtained a Class C Surface Water License. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. **Consideration and Action** to increase Zachariah Steele's hourly rate in the amount of $.75 for completion of Animal Control Certification effective immediately.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. City Manager Darrell Pullin informed the council that Zachariah Steele obtained his Animal Control Certification. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of (1) Caterpillar Model 420 4EX Backhoe Loader in an amount not to exceed $135,000.00.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by adding at the end (in FY 2027.) Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #12 Consideration and Action to approve the purchase of (1) Caterpillar Model 420 4EX Backhoe Loader in an amount not to exceed $135,000.00 in FY 2027. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

13. **Consideration and Action** to approve the purchase of 40 3/4" electric water meters from Core and Main in the amount of $12,800.00.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Open for discussion. This purchase was previously discussed during the Budget Workshop. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

14. **Consideration and Action** to approve a contract with Govstack for a new website in the amount of $13,190.00 startup costs and $4,697.00 annually.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. This was discussed during the budget workshop. D'Ann Lane reached out to get a contract from Govstack. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

15. **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 through December 31, 2026.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. City Attorney made the necessary changes to the contract. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

16. **Consideration and Action** to approve the automatic renewal of the contract between the City of George West and Old Marbach School Water Supply Corporation through March 27, 2027.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza explained that this had to come back to this agenda with this specific wording because it was postponed at the last meeting. 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. Motion carried for no action.

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) Council Appointed Positions.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The Council entered Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

18. **RECONVENE**

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Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Mayor Garza called for a vote. The council reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

BRIEFINGS:

19. City Manager and Financial Director's Report:

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

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

City Manager Darrell Pullin gave his updates from the month of July 2026. Pump #2 at Well #3 has been received, working on trying to get it in the schedule to be installed due to all the leaks that are arising. Public works has continued to clean up brush along fences, low trees, drainage ditches, and working on patching. Wastewater Treatment Plant had issues; Mr. Pullin worked with Mr. Zuniga to get things in order. Mr. Pullin met with JP Carrol Weaver and Matt Muniz to get quotes on road work for Katzfey Dr. and Queen Ann St. TxDot started sweeping streets, but the sweeper broke down. The Annual Sludge report for the Wastewater Treatment Plan will begin next month.

Financial Director Shirley Holm gave the financial reports for July 2026. The YTD General Fund is 4% above budget plan for Revenue, and the Expenditures are exactly as budget plan. The Utility Fund is on budget for Revenue, and the Expenditures are 9% below budget plan. These are acceptable. The General Fund and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of $ 281,551. The bank balances are $2,168,626. Interest earned on investments is $ 7,002 for year to date.

21. Adjournment.

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____

D'Ann Lane, City Secretary Andrew Garza, Mayor