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SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/9/2026

I. Call Meeting to Order-**Mayor Andrew Garza called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

II. Roll Call- **All Council was present.**

III. Invocation-**Mayor Andrew Garza gave the invocation.**

IV. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States-**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-**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of Texas was led by D'Ann Lane.**

VI. Public Comments

NONE

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

ORDINANCE:

Public Hearing

CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS
PUBLIC HEARING
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE
CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
AT 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City of George West City Council will hold its First Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at George West City Hall, 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas to receive written and/or oral comments to discuss the proposed Property Tax Rate as it pertains to ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of George West, Texas, for the 2026-2027 fiscal year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; providing discounts; and providing when taxes shall become due

and when same shall become delinquent if not paid.

1. **Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 943, LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; PROVIDING DISCOUNTS; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID.**

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 5:35 p.m. There was no opposition. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:40 p.m.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. 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

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE:

Public Hearing

CITY OF GEORGE WEST, TEXAS
PUBLIC HEARING
2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET
CITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
AT 5:30 P.M.

Notice is hereby given that the City of George West City Council will hold its First Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at George West City Hall, 406 Nueces Street, George West, Texas to receive written and/or oral comments to discuss the Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027, for use of municipal funds to support the City of George West Budget.

2. **Consideration and Action to approve the First Reading of Ordinance No. 944, ADOPTING THE CITY OF GEORGE WEST OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2026, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2027; TO BE FILED WITH THE COUNTY CLERK;**

APPROPRIATING MONIES AS PROVIDED IN THE BUDGET; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE.

The Mayor Opened the Public Hearing at 5:41 p.m. There was no opposition. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:42 p.m.

Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. 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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. Mayor Andrew Garza asked if these numbers were the 10% increase numbers that were discussed at the budget workshop. Financial Director Shirley Holm informed him that they were. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. Open for discussion. There was no discussion. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

BUSINESS

6. **Consideration and Action** to approve Armstrong, Vaughn & Associates, PC to perform the George West City audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities for fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, in the amount of $ 28,500.00.

Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Open for discussion. Financial Director Shirley Holm reached out to another auditing firm, since according to

S.B. 1173 stipulates to contact at least two businesses on a rotating basis but they turned down the request for proposal. The auditors are scheduled to be on site November 18, 2026. They will be conducting remote/online sample request for submissions prior to the site visit. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

7. **Consideration and Action** to select a contractor for the road improvements on Queen Ann St. from Houston St. to Fannin St.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. The council went over two proposals. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by (striking a and inserting J. Carroll Weaver, Inc. as the and at the end inserting in the amount of $49,302.50) Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by Jearl Rannefeld.

Amended Agenda Item #7 Consideration and Action to select J. Carroll Weaver, Inc. as the contractor for the road improvements on Queen Ann St. from Houston St. to Fannin St in the amount of $49,302.50.

All in favor. Motion carried.

8. **Consideration and Action** to select a contractor for the road improvements on Katzfey Dr. from HWY 281 to the end of Katzfey Dr.

Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by David Ainsworth. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by (striking a and inserting J. Carroll Weaver, Inc. as the and at the end inserting in the amount of $58,840.00) Move as read by David Ainsworth. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended Agenda Item #8 Consideration and Action to select J. Carroll Weaver, Inc. as the contractor for the road improvements on Katzfey Dr. from HWY 281 to the end of Katzfey Dr. in the amount of $58,840.00.

All in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Adjournment.**

The council meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

ATTEST: _____ SIGNED: _____

D'Ann Lane, City Secretary Andrew Garza, Mayor