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REGULAR SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 9/17/2026

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

II. Roll Call-**David Ainsworth was absent.**

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 Texas Flag was led by D'Ann Lane.**

VI. Public Comments

Mari Gonzales was present for a Public Comment regarding the City of George West Charter. Ms. Gonzales stated that according to the Charter the City Manager had 4 months to establish residence within city limits. She is questioning whether or not the City Manager had authority to review her appeal regarding employment.

VII. Announcements and Correspondence

a) National Night Out October 2, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
b) Trunk-R-Treat October 30, 2026, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

1. **Consideration and Action to appoint Joe Feist to City Council Place 1.**
Mayor to administer the Oath of Office to Council Place 1.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Joe Feist to Council Place 1. Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried with 2/3 vote including the vote of Mayor Garza.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. **Consideration and Action** to approve the following minutes:
   a) **Budget Workshop/Special Session City Council Meeting Minutes 8/18/2026.**
   b) **Budget Workshop/Special Session City Council Meeting 8/24/2026.**

Amended agenda item #9 Consideration and Action to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Katelynn Kegebein to the Economic Development Commission. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Garcia to the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking approve and insert ratify. Move as read by John Walker. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #10 Consideration and Action to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Thomas Garcia to the Economic Development Commission. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

11. **Consideration and Action** to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rena McWilliams to the Economic Development Commission.

Move as read by Joe Feist. Seconded by Jearl Rannfeld. Open for discussion. Mayor Garza entertained a motion to amend by striking approve and insert ratify. Move as read by Joe Feist. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. Amendment carried.

Amended agenda item #11 Consideration and Action to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Rena McWilliams to the Economic Development Commission. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. Motion carried.

12. **Discussion** on appointing Economic Development Commission Director and the utilization of HOT Funds.

John Walker gave the council an update on the last EDC meeting. Alan Dubois has offered his services to get the EDC off the ground. Mr. Dubois created a great presentation of everything that this city has to offer. Mr. Dubois is ready to start meeting with possible future businesses that are looking for a place to open. He has a background in corporate America and speaks the language so he knows what these businesses are looking for.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.086 of the Texas Government Code (Economic Development). Move as read by Jearl Rannfeld. Seconded by John Walker. All in favor. The council entered Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reconvene. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The council reconvened at 6:46 p.m.

Financial Director Shirley Holm gave the financial reports for August 2026. The YTD General Fund is 2% 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 11% below budget plan. These are acceptable. The General Fund and Utility Funds combined are at a positive amount of $ 302,899. The bank balances are $1,941,321. Interest earned in investments is $ 7,358. for year to date.

Mayor Garza entertained a motion to reinstate the rules. Move as read by Jearl Rannefeld. Seconded by John Walker. Mayor Garza called for a vote. All in favor. The rules were reinstated at 7:17 p.m.

The council went back to agenda item #13.

17. Adjournment.

The council meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
D'Ann Lane, City Secretary

SIGNED: _____
Andrew Garza, Mayor