

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held September 30, 2019 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Brad Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Karen Theis, Councilmember Sidney Badon, Councilmember Chris Borne, and Councilmember Kyle Hollier in attendance. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember Borne led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Councilmember Badon moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 City Council Meeting as written and Mayor Pro Tem Theis seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AS "NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019" IN THE CITY OF GROVES:** Mayor Bailey read the proclamation and presented it to Groves Police Officer Darren Terrell. Mayor Bailey invited the community to attend the National Night Out, which would be held at Lions Park on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Officer Terrell thanked Mayor Bailey for the recognition.

Mayor Bailey asked for reports or citizen comments and there were none.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO (2) APPOINTMENTS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS – ALTERNATES:** Mayor Bailey stated that Gene Chance and Bill Hartje had agreed to serve on this board. Councilmember Hollier made a motion to appoint Gene Chance and Bill Hartje to the Zoning Board of Adjustments-Alternates and Councilmember Badon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT(S) TO THE PARKS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Sosa stated that the Parks Committee had been created two years ago by then Councilmember James Rasa and that some of the original members were no longer members of the committee. Mr. Sosa stated that the Parks Committee is informal, and due to the vacancies, Council appointments are needed.

Councilmember Hollier stated that he had one person interested in serving on the committee, Rhonda Dugas, who was present at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Theis stated that she was nominating Neil David, who had agreed to serve (Mr. David was also present at the meeting). Mayor Bailey asked if these appointments were all that were needed and Mr. Sosa stated that there were two vacancies, but that it was informal and more appointments could be made. Councilmember Borne stated that he didn't know if it would be a conflict, but that Jessica Borne (his wife) was interested in serving on the committee. He also stated that she was unable to attend the Council meeting, so she was not present. Mayor Bailey stated that he did not have a problem with Ms. Borne serving

on the Parks Committee. Mayor Bailey asked the Councilmembers if they had an issue with Ms. Borne serving and no one spoke against Ms. Borne's appointment.

Mr. Sosa stated that this committee helps focus on the needs and wants of the community and that they have been very helpful with the direction of the improvements to the City's parks system. Mayor Pro Tem Theis stated that committee member Chris Crain had stated that the committee had initially been formed with a city employee and citizen membership. She asked Mr. Sosa if the committee was staying with that format. Mr. Sosa responded that there are no rules or regulations, but that the City does have an employee (Michael Mobley) on the committee. Originally there was a member from the school district and a Chamber of Commerce representative, both of which have resigned. He stressed that the City has received valuable feedback from all members regardless of background and that they are welcomed by the City.

Mayor Bailey asked for a motion. Mayor Pro Tem Theis made a motion that the Council accept the appointments of Rhonda Dugas, Neil David, and Jessica Borne to the Parks Committee, and Councilmember Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for further discussion and Mayor Pro Tem Theis reported that she had reached out to Russell Gil to serve, but that he had not responded. Mayor Bailey stated that Mr. Gil could be added at a later date. Motion passed with Mayor Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Theis, Councilmember Badon, and Councilmember Hollier voting "For". Councilmember Borne abstained from the vote.

INVOICES: Mr. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$100,114.10 as follows:

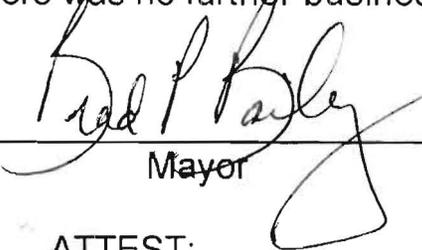
Brenntag	Chemicals for water treatment.	26,400.00
BrooksWatson & Co.	FYE 2019 audit work.	7,000.00
CMM Construction	Asphalt overlay (Taft, Oak, Terrace, Plaza).	9,277.00
Core & Main	Water meter registers.	23,065.73
Gary Whitman	Limestone base for Allison curb project.	6,533.10
Materials		
Heat Safety Equip.	3 SCBA air pack for Fire Department.	22,780.14
L.D. Construction	Hot mix asphalt for Memorial Park.	5,058.13

Councilmember Badon moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$100,114.10 and Mayor Pro Tem Theis seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments. Councilmember Hollier asked the approximate total fee paid to the auditor and Mr. Sosa stated that without the pre-audit, it was in the \$25,000 to \$30,000 range. Councilmember Badon asked if the limestone purchased was just for the Allison curb project or for the stockpile also. Mr. Sosa responded that the limestone was for Allison only. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Council comments. Councilmember Badon remarked that the Chamber of Commerce, along with Councilmember Hollier had done a great job on the Pecan Festival Parade, and that even with recent rains many people had participated and enjoyed it. Councilmember Hollier remarked that the Chamber had coordinated a date with the schools so that the band and Indianettes could participate, which entailed moving it away from the date of the festival.

Mayor Pro Tem Theis reported that a citizen had contacted her regarding the curbs on Allison and might have contacted other councilmembers. Mayor Bailey and Mr. Sosa stated that they had been contacted also. Mayor Bailey stated that there is not a problem with the new design of the curbs and Mr. Sosa agreed that it is the aesthetics and that he will be looking into if the curb can be laid back. Mayor Pro Tem Theis asked if Allison will be completely finished before Woodlawn is started and Mr. Sosa stated that is correct. Mayor Pro Tem Theis asked if the City has a street sweeper and Mr. Sosa explained that we do not have a sweeper that picks up debris. Mayor Pro Tem Theis stated that there are several streets in the City that need to be swept periodically and Mr. Sosa stated that he would look into having them swept.

There was no further business, and Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk