

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held June 8, 2020 with Mayor Brad Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Chris Borne, Councilmember Kyle Hollier, and Councilmember Karen Theis 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 MAY 11, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Theis moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF TWO (2) PROPOSALS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRODUCTS, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES: Mr. Sosa stated that these contracts were being awarded in conjunction with the cities of Port Neches and Nederland. Staff's recommendation was that the contracts be awarded to Ceres Environmental Services and DRC Emergency Services, as these two companies scored the highest on their proposals. Councilmember Theis made a motion to award contracts for debris removal services, emergency response products, equipment, and services to Ceres Environmental Services and DRC Emergency Services. Councilmember Borne seconded the motion. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or discussion. Councilmember Borne asked if this is just for disasters caused by floods, hurricanes, etc. Mr. Sosa stated that if FEMA pays, these companies will be called in to assist the City. Councilmember Borne asked if the City has used these companies in the past and Mr. Sosa stated that the City had used them previously and that there were some problems with their subcontractors leaving and taking their equipment to other towns which were in areas that paid more for their services, thus leaving Groves to take care of its own storm and repair debris, but they have more of their own equipment now. Councilmember Hollier stated that FEMA does not reimburse the City 100%. Mr. Sosa explained that FEMA pays 100% for the first 45 to 90 days, then the reimbursement begins to decrease. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CENTRAL DISPATCH AGREEMENT: Mr. Sosa stated that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the cities were forced to make some changes regarding Central Dispatch. Effective April 9, 2020, the City of Nederland adopted an Emergency COVID-19 Paid Leave Policy that affects dispatchers. The City of Nederland will be covering Central Dispatch personnel under their own resources at no cost to the cities of Groves and Port Neches. Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve the amendment to the

Central Dispatch Agreement and Councilmember Theis seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ELECTION SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GROVES AND JEFFERSON COUNTY FOR THE CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020: City Clerk Kim Lowery stated that this is the same contract that has been entered into with Jefferson County for the past several years. She stated that the City had been pleased with the services offered by the County's election office. Councilmember Borne moved to approve the election services agreement between the city of Groves and Jefferson County for conduct of an election to be held on November 3, 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE OF TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY TO INCREASE RATES IN THE GULF COAST SERVICE AREA: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2020-04, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance by the City of Groves, Texas ("City") authorizing the settlement of the proposed rate increase of Texas Gas Service Company, a division of One Gas, Inc. to increase rates in the Central Texas service area, the Gulf Coast service area, and the city of Beaumont; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date." Mr. Black explained that Centerpoint serves the city of Beaumont, except for one customer that is served by Texas Gas Service. Councilmember Hollier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-04, approving the settlement of the rate increase of Texas Gas Service Company in the Gulf Coast service area. Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded the motion. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments. Councilmember Borne stated that under these rates, the more a customer uses, the lower the cost. Mr. Black stated that was correct. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: Mr. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$264,864.73 as follows:

Asco Equip.	Motor grader rental for Monroe project (6,226.44); pneumatic roller and steel drum roller for Street Program (5,278.17).	11,504.61
Casco Ind.	Replacement breathing air compressor- Fire Dept.	27,075.00

Core & Main	225 meter registers and antenna assembly for meters (29,120.40); misc. valves, tees, and fittings for water line inventory (9,707.72; 270; 1,376.76).	40,474.88
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for April 2020.	15,137.20
Hutchison-Hayes Intl.	Centrifuge control panel for Wastewater Plant.	46,170.00
Reliable Trans-Mission Svc.	Remove/replace transmission for #48 limbpicker.	7,185.00
Republic Svc.	Dumpsters for sludge disposal.	6,731.93
Silsbee Ford	(1) Ford Explorer for Police Dept.	43,303.80
Simply Aquatics	Gas detection systems for Water Plant.	7,544.00
TND Workwear	Uniforms for Fire Department.	5,393.10
Vulcan Const.	A1-Base Limestone for Monroe (39,117.52); chip seal precoat street rock for Monroe (15,227.69).	54,345.21

Councilmember Borne moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$264,864.73 and Councilmember Theis seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the price of the Explorer purchased from Silsbee Ford was the normal price. Mr. Sosa stated that the vehicle was \$5,000 less at the time it was ordered. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the replacement breathing air compressor for the Fire Department was a budgeted item and Mr. Sosa stated that it was. Mr. Sosa offered information on the centrifuge control panel for the Wastewater Plant and there was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Council comments. Councilmember Borne reported he had received calls and complaints regarding the surface of Monroe and that Mr. Sosa had assured him this is not the finished product.

There was no further business and Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk