

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held January 6, 2020 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Chris Borne, Councilmember Kyle Hollier, and Councilmember Karen Theis in attendance. Mayor Brad Bailey was not present at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Badon called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. He then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 23, 2019 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Councilmember Theis moved to approve the minutes of the December 23, 2019 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Borne seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for reports or citizen comments and there were none.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE UPDATING SOLID WASTE FEES, SIZE RESTRICTIONS, AND CONTAINER TYPES:** City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2020-01, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance amending Chapter 12, "Solid Waste" of the Code of Ordinances, City of Groves, Texas, by amending Section 12-6. "Containers Required" increasing the monthly fee for each additional container to ten dollars (\$10.00); Section 12-9. "Disposition of Materials Unsuitable for Containers" limiting collection of construction and demolition debris to two (2) cubic yards; and Section 12-15. "Littering Prohibited—Generally" increasing the maximum service charge for blocking drainage to five hundred dollars (\$500.00); providing for severability; providing a repealer clause; providing for codification; providing for publication by publishing the caption only; and providing an effective date."

Councilmember Hollier moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01 updating Solid Waste fees, size restrictions, and container types. Councilmember Borne seconded the motion. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that Utilities Superintendent Michael Tentrup was present to give an update, as the changes are being made due to the fact that the City lost its green waste chipper. Mr. Tentrup stated that the solid waste ordinances were outdated. Demolition debris allowed was previously 15 cubic yards and is being changed to 2 cubic yards. Fees are being increased from a maximum of \$200 to \$500. The rates were set 40 years ago and disposal expenses have increased over the years. Container fees are also being updated. Mr. Tentrup reminded residents that if they put branches and green waste in the ditch and rain is expected, the City has to put a truck on picking it up, which causes solid waste to get off schedule. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if customers can request a pile for pick

up and pay the City for picking it up. Mr. Tentrup stated that was correct. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the pick up charge was being increased and Mr. Tentrup stated that it was not being raised and would remain \$12.23 per cubic yard. Councilmember Borne pointed out that this ordinance was a direct result of the City losing its chipper and that we are still looking for an option. Mr. Tentrup stated that taking green waste to the landfill is the worst option for the City. Mr. Sosa reported that someone had contacted him earlier in the day regarding chipping. Mr. Tentrup stated that chipping reduces the volume, but it still goes to the landfill. Councilmember Theis asked if the ordinance will raise water bills and Mr. Tentrup stated that it will not. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$35,722.28 as follows:

City of Port Neches	Reimbursement for Mid & South County 800 mhz Radio FY 2020 Annual Cost per Jefferson County.	12,942.14
HEAT Safety Equip.	Purchase of 3 SCBA's with six 45 minute bottles and three masks – Fire Department.	22,780.14

Councilmember Hollier moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$35,722.28 and Councilmember Theis seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for questions and Councilmember Theis asked if the safety equipment was a budgeted item. Mr. Sosa stated that it was. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for Councilmember comments and Councilmember Hollier stated that he was looking forward to an answer on the food truck issue. Mr. Sosa stated that it would be put on a future agenda. There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Badon adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem Badon

ATTEST:



City Clerk