

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held April 13, 2020 by means of a virtual meeting with Mayor Brad Bailey, Councilmember Chris Borne, Councilmember Kyle Hollier, and Councilmember Karen Theis in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon was not present. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 30, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND THE MARCH 30, 2020 PUBLIC HEARING: Councilmember Theis moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 City Council Meeting and the March 30, 2020 Public Hearing as written and Councilmember Borne seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING APRIL AS "FAIR HOUSING MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GROVES: City Manager D.E. Sosa explained that issuance of the proclamation is one of the requirements for the City to receive federal funds. Mayor Bailey read the proclamation into the record as follows: "Whereas, Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and Whereas, the principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and Whereas, the National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans. Now, therefore, we, the City Council of the City of Groves do proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Groves and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing law."

Mayor Bailey asked for citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE FAMILIES FIRST CORONA VIRUS RESPONSE ACT AS PRESCRIBED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: Mr. Sosa stated that this is a Federal law which is being incorporated into the City's personnel policy and that it will supersede the City's policy in the case of an employee getting the corona virus. Councilmember Theis moved to implement the Families First Corona Virus Response Act and Councilmember Borne seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments. Councilmember Borne asked if there is anything else the City is required to do to implement the policy and Mr. Sosa stated that no other action is needed. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC TO IDENTIFY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER PLANT: Mayor Bailey stated that this item would be tabled until the next meeting, as Mr. Sosa had reported that Public Works staff was still reviewing it.

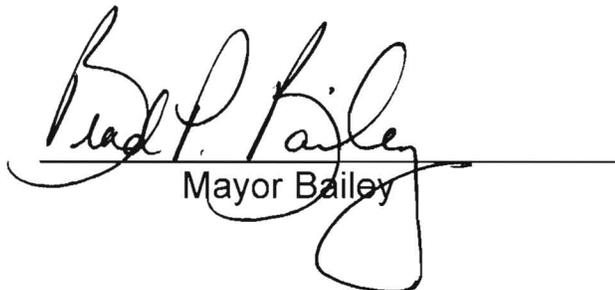
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER FOR THE CITY OF GROVES, TEXAS, THAT WAS ORDERED ON MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 DUE TO COVID-19: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Resolution No. 2020-09, reading the caption as follows: "A resolution by the City Council of Groves, Texas, extending the Declaration of Disaster in the City of Groves proclaimed by the Mayor on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 418.108(b), until May 11, 2020, the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council in the month of May, 2020." Mayor Bailey explained that passage of the resolution would align the extension of the declaration of disaster dates with regularly scheduled City Council meetings. Councilmember Hollier made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-09 extending the declaration of disaster for the City of Groves ordered on March 16, 2020 until May 11, 2020. Councilmember Borne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$49,982.27 as follows:

Brenntag	Polymer for water treatment (\$26,400); caustic (\$5,760).	32,160.00
Republic Svc.	Dumpster, sludge disposal, EDC: Monroe/Indian Springs, 6170 Hansen, 3229 Allison, 6429 Gulfway, 5000 Lawndale, 7039 32 nd , Howell/ Cleveland, 2932 High, 3229 Allison, 6739 Howe, 3600 Pure Atlantic, 6230 Terrell, 5140 W. Parkway, 5028 33 rd , 5247 39 th , 5210 39 th , 2721 4 th , 5905 25 th .	17,822.27

Councilmember Borne moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$49,982.27 and Councilmember Theis seconded. Councilmember Theis asked if the Republic bill was solely for EDC and Mr. Sosa stated that only 5210 and 5247 39th (the carwash remodel) were EDC related. The motion passed with Mayor Bailey, Councilmember Borne, and Councilmember Theis in favor of and Councilmember Hollier abstaining.

Mayor Bailey asked for Councilmember comments and there were none. Mayor Bailey stated that the next Council meeting will be held virtually using the phone system, which worked well at the previous meeting. He encouraged everyone to stay safe and adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Mayor Bailey

ATTEST:



City Clerk