

A special meeting of the Groves City Council was held November 17, 2020 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Brad Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Chris Borne, and Councilmember Karen Theis in attendance. Councilmember Kyle Hollier was not present. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order and Councilmember Borne led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Councilmember Borne made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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

**RECOGNITION OF MAYOR BRAD BAILEY, COUNCILMEMBER KYLE HOLLIER, AND COUNCILMEMBER KAREN THEIS:** City Manager D.E. Sosa presented Karen Theis with a plaque recognizing her 12 years of service to the citizens of Groves. Mr. Sosa presented Brad Bailey with a key to the City recognizing his 20 years of service to the citizens of Groves. Mr. Sosa and the Council voiced their appreciation for the outgoing Mayor and Councilmembers.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020:** City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2020-10, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance canvassing returns and declaring results of an election held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, in the City of Groves. Whereas, under and by virtue of an ordinance duly passed by the City Council of the City of Groves on July 6, 2020, an election was held in said City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for a two-year term, a Councilmember in Ward No. 2 for a two-year term, a Councilmember in Ward No. 4 for a two-year term, and a City Marshal for a two-year term. And it appearing from the tabulation of said election returns the following candidates for Mayor received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, to-wit: Chris Borne-3,286; Karen Theis-2,262. And it appearing from the tabulation of said election returns the following candidates for Councilmember in Ward No. 2 received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, to-wit: Paul Oliver-2,416; Jeremy Young-2,185. And it appearing from the tabulation of said election returns that the following candidates for Councilmember in Ward No. 4 received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, to-wit: Rhonda Dugas-2,556; Kyle Hollier-2,258. And it appearing from the tabulation of said election returns that the following candidates for City Marshal received the number of votes set opposite their respective names, to-wit:

Norman Reynolds, Jr.-3,578; Tommy Smith-1,645.” Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve Ordinance No. 2020-10, canvassing and declaring results of the November 3, 2020 Groves General Election. Councilmember Theis seconded and Mayor Bailey asked for discussion. There was none and the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS (MAYOR, WARD NO. 2 AND WARD NO. 4 COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MARSHAL): City Attorney James Black administered the Oath of Office to Chris Borne, Paul Oliver, Rhonda Dugas, and Norman Reynolds, Jr.

CONSIDER SETTING DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to set future City Council meeting dates and times as they presently stand (every other Monday at 5:00 p.m.). Councilmember Oliver seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ELECTING A MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR: City Clerk Kim Lowery explained that normally the position of Mayor Pro Tem rotates in the order of ward number. She stated that Ward No. 3 councilmember Sidney Badon is currently serving as Mayor Pro Tem and that with the Ward No. 4 and Ward No. 1 positions having new councilmembers and the Ward No. 1 position vacant, the Council may choose to have Councilmember Badon serve as Mayor Pro Tem for another year. Councilmember Oliver moved to elect Councilmember Sidney Badon as Mayor Pro Tem for the coming year and Mayor Borne seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Pro Tem Badon, Councilmember Oliver, and Mayor Borne voting in favor of and Councilmember Dugas voting against.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented an invoice in the amount of \$7,223.76 for payment to Republic Services for sludge disposal for October 2020. Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved for payment of the invoice and Councilmember Dugas seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for council comments. Mayor Pro Tem Badon welcomed Councilmembers Dugas and Oliver. Mayor Borne thanked them for donating their time and stated that he was looking forward to working with them.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.



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Mayor

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City Clerk