

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held July 20, 2020 in the Groves City Council Chamber 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.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**  
Councilmember Borne moved to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for citizen comments or reports. Fire Chief Lance Billeaud reported that so far Groves had reported a total of 121 COVID-19 cases. There are 68 active cases at the present time. There have been three hospitalizations and no deaths. There are 10 new cases.

**CONSIDER AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR TXCDBG SEWER IMPROVEMENTS TO TO-MEX CONSTRUCTION, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$230,384.48:** City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that of all the bids received this was the lowest and best bid. He stated that Council had been given the letter of recommendation from the City's engineering firm, Schaumburg & Polk, along with the bid tabulation sheet. There were six bids received, with all of the firms being located in Houston, Pasadena, and LaPorte. The bids ranged from the low bid of \$230,000 to \$530,000. Councilmember Hollier moved to award the contract for TXCDBG sewer improvements to To-Mex Construction in the amount of \$230,384.48 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion. Councilmember Hollier asked what the scope of the job will be—when and where. Mr. Sosa stated that it will be to replace the entire sewer line on Dave and the general area off of Main Avenue. Councilmember Hollier stated that the area is the low area of the system and that there have been problems with the sewer lines in the years prior to Mr. Sosa's tenure with the City. Mr. Sosa stated that the area qualifies as low to middle income and extends from Main Avenue to Highway 73. Once this is done, they are in line for a new street under the Community Development Block Grant. Councilmember Hollier asked the age of the existing sewer line and Mr. Sosa stated that it is at least 40 to 50 years old and is all clay. Councilmember Hollier asked if the line would be pipe burst and Mr. Sosa stated that was correct. Councilmember Borne asked if the project would be paid with City funds and reimbursed. Mr. Sosa stated that the work will be inspected by the City's engineering firm, who will then work with the grant administrator to have the funds released. Councilmember Borne asked if the City will incur any out of pocket expenses and Mr. Sosa stated it will not. Motion passed unanimously.

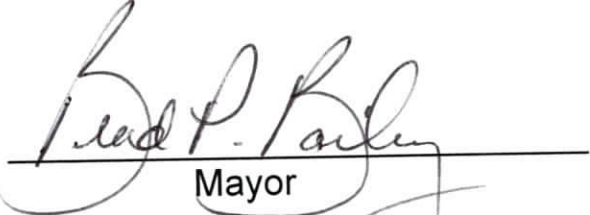
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST BY THE HERITAGE POINT HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION TO LOWER THE SPEED LIMIT TO 20 MPH ON EASTDALE DRIVE: Mr. Sosa stated that this is one of the City's newer subdivisions and is probably less than five years old. There is one way in and one way out. He stated that it is normal to have a speed limit of 20 mph in these situations. Mr. Sosa stated that staff was recommending to grant the request. He reported that the subdivision has a very active homeowners association, which benefits the City and that signs could be put up immediately. Councilmember Hollier moved to lower the speed limit to 20 mph on Eastdale Drive and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Councilmember Borne asked if the streets were put in by the City or the developer. Mr. Sosa stated that the developer built the streets and that usually the developer builds the street and then dedicates it to the City. Councilmember Borne asked if it is a public street and Mr. Sosa stated that is. The motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$50,543.08 as follows:

Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for June 2020.	17,083.56
Martin Asphalt Co.	Rocking oil for Monroe Blvd.	21,960.00
P&P Trailer Sales	Equipment trailer for Street Department.	6,454.00
Republic Services	Container service; landfill and disposal 3901 Charles, 2615 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave., 5210 39 <sup>th</sup> St., 5000 Lawndale, 7039 32 <sup>nd</sup> St., Monroe/Indian Springs, Howe/Cleveland, 6409 Howe, 4309 Main, 3600 Pure Atlantic, 2831 Oleander, 2748 Royal, 5905 25 <sup>th</sup> St.	5,045.52

Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$50,543.08 and Councilmember Borne seconded. Mayor Bailey asked if the local company the City has been using was going to be able to provide rocking oil in the future. Mr. Sosa stated that he did not know and that we had to purchase the oil for Monroe out of Houston. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Councilmember comments and there were none. Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

  
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Mayor

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City Clerk

