

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held July 6, 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. Councilmember Theis led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Theis moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Borne seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

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

INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW FIREFIGHTERS AND RECOGNITION OF THE NEWEST CAPTAIN IN THE GROVES FIRE DEPARTMENT: Fire Chief Lance Billeaud introduced new firefighters Cody Woodward and Ryan Williams. He also introduced CJ Trahan as the Fire Department's newest Captain. He stated that Captain Trahan had been with the department for 18 years. Chief Billeaud explained that he planned to recognize new hires and firefighter promotions at future Council meetings, as had been done in the past. Mayor Bailey welcomed the new firefighters and congratulated Captain Trahan.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE AWARD OF PROPOSAL FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES FOR CITY HALL, PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, GROVES PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND GROVES POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that these services were done in house until the recent retirement of the City's janitorial employee. At this time it will be more cost effective to contract these services. Mr. Sosa reported that there were two bids submitted for janitorial services and that the best and lowest bid was submitted by Elite Janitorial Services. Councilmember Hollier moved to award the bid for janitorial services for City Hall, Public Works building, Groves Public Library, and Groves Police Department building to Elite Janitorial Services. Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded the motion. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion. He asked if there would be any spraying of disinfectant and Mr. Sosa stated that PNGISD had been spraying the City offices with disinfectant. Mr. Sosa also reported that the Fire Station has ultraviolet on their return air. This can be added to the air conditioning, as it kills germs and is relatively inexpensive. Mayor Bailey asked the cost and Mr. Sosa stated that it was under \$2,000. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDER CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2, A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4, AND A CITY MARSHAL: Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve the Order calling for a General Election to be held on November 3, 2020 and Councilmember Borne seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

NOTICE OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 IN THE CITY OF GROVES: Mayor Bailey stated that the Notice would be entered into the record. "Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020 for voting in a general election to elect the following municipal officers: Mayor for a two-year term, Councilmember in Ward No. 2 for a two-year term, Councilmember in Ward No. 4 for a two-year term, City Marshal for a two-year term. The Early Voting polling location within the City of Groves is as follows: Groves Recreation Center, 6150 39th St., Groves, TX 77619. In addition, qualified voters of the City of Groves may vote at any of the other Early Voting Locations adopted by Jefferson County listed in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, on the dates and during the times listed in said Exhibit "A". The Election Day polling locations within the City of Groves will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as follows: Groves Recreation Center, 6150 39th Street, Groves, TX 77619. Groves Public Library, 5600 West Washington, Groves, TX 77619. In addition, qualified voters of the City of Groves may vote at any of the other Election Day Vote Centers adopted by Jefferson County listed in Exhibit "B" attached hereto, which Vote Center locations are subject to change based upon availability. Early Voting by Mail- The Office of the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701, shall be the voting place for all early voting by mail, and the name and mailing address of the Early Voting Clerk is: Carolyn Guidry, Jefferson County Clerk, Jefferson County Courthouse, 1001 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701, which is the address to which all City of Groves early voting ballot applications shall be sent. Early voting by mail shall be conducted during the same period as early voting by personal appearance, except that envelopes containing mailed ballots must arrive at the address on the carrier envelope before the polls are required to close on Election Day, unless otherwise determined to be timely pursuant to Article 86.007, Texas Election Code. Applications for ballot by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 23, 2020."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC TO IDENTIFY IMPROVEMENTS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER PLANT: Mr. Sosa stated that the City had discussed this item several months ago and referenced the contract (copy attached). He stated that the pay off for Schneider would be 8% to 10% of the construction costs and recommended approval of the contract. Operational savings would belong totally to the City. Councilmember Hollier moved to approve the contract with Schneider Electric to identify improvements at the City's Wastewater Plant and Councilmember Theis seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments. Councilmember Hollier questioned the 8% to 10% that Schneider would get. Mr. Sosa explained that Schneider will get 8 to 10 percent of whatever the City spends. Councilmember Hollier stated that the Wastewater Plant is either running at full capacity or totally off. Mr. Sosa responded that was correct and that we are hoping that the system can be fine tuned and adjusted for heavy loads. Councilmember Borne asked if the whole system would be shut off during this process and Mr. Sosa stated that it would not. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2, A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4, AND A CITY MARSHAL: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2020-05, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance calling an election in accordance with the Order of the Mayor, to be held within the City of Groves on the 3rd 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; fixing the hours thereof; declaring the qualifications of candidates; providing means by which candidates may secure a place upon the ballot; declaring the qualifications of electors; providing terms of offices; providing for the adoption and incorporation of an Election Services Agreement between Jefferson County and the City of Groves, providing for a joint election, establishing polling places and providing for the appointment of election officials; providing for publication and posting of notices; providing for posting a list of candidates; providing for preparation of ballots and expenses of election; providing that all notices, ballots and other materials be bilingual, to-wit: English and Spanish; providing for electronic voting; and providing an effective date."

Councilmember Hollier made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2020-05 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$38,452.90 as follows:

Brenntag	Chemicals for water treatment (6,720; 26,400)	33,120.00
Precision Delta Corp.	Ammunition for Police Department.	5,332.90

Councilmember Theis moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$38,452.90 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Councilmember comments and there were none. Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk