

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held September 28, 2020 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Brad Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Kyle Hollier, and Councilmember Karen Theis in attendance. Councilmember Chris Borne was not present. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Theis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for citizen comments or reports. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that Utilities Superintendent Michael Tentrup would be reporting the final numbers for the Hurricane Laura cleanup. Mr. Tentrup reported the following: Debris operations were completed on 09/24/2020; Total of 3,171 tons (909 loads) were collected from the street right-of-way (a normal week averages 100 tons for dry trash and green waste); Crews hauled the equivalent of an additional 7 ½ months of normal dry trash and green waste collection in less than one month; This operation was completed by Solid Waste and Utilities division employees; Deadline for placing debris out for collection was 09/12/20. Debris placed out after deadline is subject to normal volumes of 2 cubic yards/week; Garbage service remained on schedule during debris operations and an additional truck was added to the routes during this time. Mr. Tentrup reported that a number of cans were lost or damaged during the storm. Cans will be ordered in the near future. Mayor Bailey asked if the City will be repairing damaged cans and Mr. Tentrup responded that they would.

**RECOGNIZE THREE FIREFIGHTERS PROMOTED TO THE NEW RANK OF LIEUTENANT IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Lance Billeaud reported that the new position of Lieutenant had been created and would become effective October 1, 2020. Each shift will have a captain, lieutenant, and three firefighters on duty at all times. He introduced the first three lieutenants in the history of the Groves Fire Department: Jason Sheppard, Josh Hidalgo, and Dustin Montejo. The Mayor and Council offered their congratulations to the new lieutenants.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GUARANTEED MAXIMUM CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE NEW FIRE STATION OF \$7,193,996 AND THE TOTAL BUDGET OF CONSTRUCTION OF \$8,315,930:** Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve the guaranteed maximum construction cost for the new fire station of \$7,193,996 and total budget of construction of \$8,315,930. Councilmember Theis seconded and Mayor Bailey asked for questions or comments. Councilmember Theis asked the

difference between the construction cost and total budget. Chief Billeaud stated that a representative from Joiner Architects was present to answer any questions. The Joiner Architects representative explained that the difference between the \$7,193,996 construction cost and total budget of \$8,315,930 was due to items such as engineering and design fees, furniture, etc. that are not included in the construction cost of the facility. Councilmember Theis asked the timeframe for repayment of the bonds and Mr. Sosa stated the term is 20 years at approximately 2 ½%. He also stated that the certificate issue is not to exceed \$9,000,000 and will be \$572,000 per year in debt service. Mayor Bailey asked for further questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY DEPOSITORY RELATED TO A LINE OF CREDIT:** Mr. Sosa explained that this is a yearly item that the Council considers. The City carries a \$1,000,000 line of credit in the event of an emergency. He stated that this is the fifth year the City has done this and recommended Council approval. Councilmember Theis moved to approve an agreement with the City Depository – First Financial Bank, for a \$1,000,000 line of credit and Councilmember Hollier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND CONTAINING MATTERS RELATED THERETO:** City Attorney James Black presented proposed Resolution No. 2020-14, reading the caption as follows: “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Groves, Texas, authorizing publication of notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation and containing matters related thereto.” Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-14 authorizing publication of Notice of Intention to Issue Certificates of Obligation and Councilmember Hollier seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**INVOICES:** City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$87,788.96 as follows:

Brystar Contracting	Structure repairs to Water Plant (TPC)	21,759.00
Buna Electric	Georgia Lift Station #5 pump rebuild.	6,541.00
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for August 2020.	20,818.96
Martin Asphalt Co.	Rocking oil for streets.	33,670.00
Ruiz Concrete Works	Hansen drainage project.	5,000.00

Councilmember Hollier moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$87,788.96 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion. Councilmember Hollier noted that the fuel bill was higher than normal. He asked if this was due to overtime worked during the storm. Mr. Sosa stated that was correct. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Council Comments and there were none. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk