

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held May 24, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and news media. He then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2021 City Council meeting and Joint Public Hearing as written and Councilmember McAdams seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JERRY HANLEY AS THE 2020 FIREMAN OF THE YEAR: Mayor Borne presented the proclamation to Mr. Hanley and congratulated him as this year's recipient.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF MAY AS "MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE CITY OF GROVES: Mayor Borne presented the proclamation to Michael Reese, who accepted the proclamation on behalf of area motorcycle clubs and riders.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING OF MAY 3, 2021: Mayor Borne stated that the minutes would be received into the record as follows: "The City of Groves Planning and Zoning Commission met in the Public Works Building, 4925 McKinley, on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. to consider the request for the property listed herein. 1. To consider the request from Herdz Investments, LLC to subdivide the property at 3768 Doyle Ave. TR 32-A and 32-B, 0.4586 acre of land, replat of all of Lot 32, BLK 1, Vaughn Addition, Groves, TX. Members present were: Chris Crain, Rod Hatch, Michael Campise and Secretary to the Commission, Don Pedraza. Meeting started 6:09 p.m. Mr. Crain opened the meeting and roll call was performed. Let the records indicate a quorum was achieved. Item of Business: 1. Mr. Pedraza submitted replat plan from Soutex for review by board. I also explained the replat is to divide one parcel of land, 3768 Doyle Ave., into two separate pieces of parcels of land. For the purpose of constructing single family homes. Mr. Crain asked if the proposed lots met the minimum size for SF zone. Mr. Pedraza answered yes. The new lots will be 10,000 sq. ft. each. Mr. Crain asked for verification of the zone, Mr. Pedraza answered C-1. Also asked about the width of lots after dividing. I told them, that the lots will be 49'

10" and Soutex called it 50'. The two inches is not a significant amount, so they called it 50' for this replat. Mr. Crain asked if water and sewer is available? The answer is yes, water/sewer is available. Also questions about driveways and setback requirements for side yards. Mr. Hernandez answered by saying he will add another driveway and Mr. Pedraza answered that the side yard setback is five feet. Mr. Crain asked about the width of the lots, if it is wide enough to construct a home. The answer is yes. Mr. Hernandez said that width of the house plans will be so that he will have more than enough with extra room on the side yards and still meet the living sq. ft. of 1,200. Mr. Hatch made a motion to accept the replat request. Mr. Campise seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried. The replat is now going to City Council."

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none. Mayor Borne asked for reports and Public Works Director Troy Foxworth gave a report on street repairs. Public Works was unable to begin the City's Street Program last week due to rain. The GLO project has started on South, East, Pearl, and Curt. They have added limestone to South, East, and Pearl. The City has started 25th St. and will do more when we get some dry days. Mayor Borne asked about manholes on Monroe and Mr. Foxworth stated that there were some issues with grease in the manholes caused by nearby restaurants, but they did get the manholes raised and Gulf Coast will make sure they are flush with the street.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT TO SUBDIVIDE 3768 DOYLE AVE. INTO TWO SEPARATE LOTS: Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve the replat to subdivide 3768 Doyle Ave. into two separate lots and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked if the lots have water and sewer and Building Official Don Pedraza stated that they do have water and sewer. Councilmember Oliver asked if the property is zoned commercial and Mr. Pedraza stated it is zoned C-1, and that once the homes are built they are still C-1 but residential use. City Attorney James Black interjected that the owner can do whatever he wants to do on the property as long as it does not exceed the current zoning requirements. Even though there will be single family homes on the property the zoning will not change from C-1. Councilmember Dugas asked if the surrounding properties are homes and the requestor stated yes. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time Mayor Borne recognized Dr. Mike Gonzales, Superintendent of the Port Neches-Groves ISD. Dr. Gonzales gave a report on the new school being built at West Groves campus. He thanked the Mayor and Council for approving a discount on the new school's building permit fees. They are dealing with the rising cost of

materials and appreciate the relationship between the City and the school district. PNGISD serves approximately 5,200 students and has roughly 700 employees. He stated that the school district's website offers information on the school bond and also has live feed on the project as the school is being built. The district is looking forward to opening two new schools in Groves in August 2023. Citizens will begin to see dirt being moved near Groves Elementary in November of 2022. At this time the schools are being called Groves Intermediate, Groves Primary, Groves Middle School, and Port Neches-Groves High School. Mayor Borne thanked Mr. Gonzales for the update.

CONSIDER AWARDDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE FUNDED REFURBISHMENT OF THE TAFT LIFT STATION: Mr. Sosa recognized Nestor Barroeta of Schaumburg and Polk. Mr. Barroeta addressed the Council and explained that they had received only one bid for the request for proposals for this project and therefore had to obtain approval from the General Land Office to award the bid. MK Constructors out of Vidor will do the work to rehabilitate the Taft Lift Station. Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to award the contract for the GLO funded refurbishment of the Taft Lift Station to MK Constructors in the amount of \$890,208 and Councilmember McAdams seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RATES PROPOSED BY TEXAS GAS SERVICE COMPANY PURSUANT TO ITS GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM FILING MADE WITH THE CITY ON FEBRUARY 11, 2021: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2021-05 and read the caption as follows: "Ordinance of the City of Groves, Texas approving the rates proposed by Texas Gas Service Company, a division of One Gas, Inc. ("TGS" or "Company") pursuant to its Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") filing made with the City on February 11, 2021; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject, and declaring an effective date." Councilmember Dugas asked if this is something that is usual. Mr. Black stated yes, and it is not a rate increase, it is an administrative procedure and is an increase due that the Company says is for improvements to their system. The rate increase will be looked at when Texas Gas Service files an actual rate increase with the Texas Railroad Commission. It is an interim rate increase that is not based on the cost of gas.

There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$126,699.36 as follows:

Buna Electric	Georgia Lift Station #4 pump rewind.	6,517.00
City of Port Arthur	Sludge disposal and landfill fees for partial March/April 2021.	24,440.00
CLS Sewer Equipment Co.	Wheeled transporter for mainline camera.	13,610.00
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for April 2020.	18,037.99
Polydyne, Inc.	Polymer for Wastewater Plant (3087, 2315.25, 3087)	8,489.25
Republic Svc.	Commercial Dumpsters (4,863.61); Peace and Dignity Program (17,237.14): 4748 Beaumont, 6640 Coolidge, 3748 Doyle, 3924 Grant, 6248 Warren, 2665 Graves, 6851 32 nd , 5235 32 nd , 4432 Lawndale, 4422 Lawndale, 3855 Main, Monroe/Indian Springs, 6234 Willis, 6271 Howe, 5905 25 th , 6115 39 th , 4448 Wilson, 3211 Canal, 2801 Oak, 3328 Pure Atlantic, 6310 Real, 5252 Twin City, 4800 Wilson, 2620 1 st .	22,100.75
Vulcan Const.	Precoat street rock for chip seal for 2021 Street Program.	33,504.37

Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the invoices totaling \$126,699.36 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the payment to Republic Services included commercial dumpsters and Mr. Sosa responded yes. Mayor Borne referred to the payment to Vulcan Construction and asked if the City shares rock or oil with the County. Mr. Sosa stated that the City provides the County oil only. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember McAdams remarked that he was glad that masks were no longer required at the meetings. Mayor Pro Tem Badon thanked Troy Foxworth for the work done on the Street Program and GLO projects. Councilmember Dugas was pleased that Dr. Gonzales had provided an update on the schools.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m.



Mayor Borne

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