

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held July 7, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon was not present at the meeting. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NEW PARK EQUIPMENT AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARKS COMMITTEE TO BE FUNDED WITH PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF LINDENMAYER PARK PROPERTY: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the Parks Committee was recommending the following park improvements and expenditures: West Groves Park- Walking Track Upgrade \$48,576; Adult Fitness Station (total replacement) \$85,436.42; Lions Park- Double play scape \$82,300. In the future the City will be considering having a fenced 100' x 100' dog park near the Groves Library, with the cost of the fence estimated at \$10,000.

Councilmember Oliver moved to authorize the purchase of the new park equipment and parks improvements recommended by the Parks Committee to be funded with proceeds from the sale of the Lindenmayer Park property. Councilmember McAdams seconded the motion and Mayor Borne asked for discussion. Councilmember Oliver stated that he had concerns about the dog park. Mayor Borne stated that the need for the Special Meeting was due to upcoming price increases and asked if the final price would be affected. Mayor Borne reiterated that funds for the improvements would be from the sale of the Lindenmayer Park property. Mr. Sosa stated that the final price would not be affected. Councilmember McAdams stated that he did not have any problems with the recommended upgrades, but felt that the City needs to take care of the existing equipment and fixtures in the parks. He stated that the building at West Groves Park needs to be painted and that there is some rock missing on it. Mr. Sosa responded that the Parks Department is working on repairs at West Groves Park and that they are painting the restrooms. Councilmember McAdams also reported that there are benches in the adult area that are rotten and asked that those be checked. Building Maintenance Supervisor John Spikes explained the upcoming improvements to existing park features to be done this fiscal year.

Mr. Sosa stated that the discounts for ordering the equipment before the price increase are 18% on the playscapes at Lions Park and 3% on the adult fitness station at West Groves Park, resulting in an approximate savings of \$16,000. The total cost of the proposed improvements and upgrades will be \$216,312. Motion passed unanimously.

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There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

