

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held August 16, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Badon led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 2, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments. Michael Campise of 6575 Verde voiced concerns about the City's Street Program, along with the street repairs being done by the City's contractor, Gulf Coast. Mr. Campise complained about repairs made to 25th St. by Gulf Coast. Howard Johnson of Gulf Coast addressed the repairs which were questioned by Mr. Campise. Mayor Borne thanked Mr. Campise and Mr. Johnson for their comments.

Mayor Borne asked for reports. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the budget review from the previous work session would continue. Due to the absence of Public Works Director Troy Foxworth, Utilities Superintendent Michael Tentrup reviewed the proposed budget for the Water Plant and Waste Water Plant. Finance Director Lamar Ozley reviewed Water Distribution and Customer Service.

Mr. Sosa introduced Howard Johnson of Gulf Coast, the contractor for the GLO Street Program. Mr. Johnson stated that the GLO streets are complete and that the City did a walkthrough last week. 25th St. and Cleveland are complete and Monroe will be complete next week. Councilmember Oliver questioned a spot on 25th St. and asked about mud coming up through the asphalt around the spot. Mr. Johnson stated that he would check into it. Councilmember Oliver asked if it could be fixed and Mr. Johnson stated that it could be repaired if needed. Mayor Borne asked if Monroe is the only street left and Mr. Johnson stated that was correct.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE REMAINING FUNDS FROM CDBG CONTRACT NO. 7219179 TO BE USED FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO LACKEY DR. IN LIEU OF RETURNING THE FUNDS: Mr. Sosa explained that each year the City competes against other cities for CDBG grants. The last CDBG project Groves did was on Dave St., and the City has \$50,000 left over. Instead of returning the \$50,000, the City will use it for another related project. Councilmember

Oliver asked if the \$50,000 will cover the cost of the project and Mr. Sosa stated that it should. Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to use the remaining funds from CDBG Contract No. 7219179 for street improvements to Lackey Dr. and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Councilmember Dugas asked if Lackey Dr. qualified for the project because it has a manhole. Mr. Sosa stated that was correct. Mayor Pro Tem Badon pointed out that there is no other street that qualifies. There was no further discussion and the motion passed with Mayor Borne, Councilmember Dugas, Councilmember McAdams, and Councilmember Oliver voting in favor of. Mayor Pro Tem Badon abstained.

CONSIDER SCHEDULING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE FYE 2021-2022 BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GROVES: Councilmember Dugas moved to schedule public hearings regarding the FYE 2021-2022 budget and tax rate for the City of Groves immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council meetings of August 30, 2021 and September 13, 2021. Councilmember Oliver seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF (HARVEY) GLO FUNDED STREET IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Sosa explained that this item is in regards to a request for proposals that was recently advertised in the newspaper. Six bids were received for engineering services for the second round of GLO funded street improvements. Public Works Director Troy Foxworth recommended that Whitely Oliver be awarded the contract. Mr. Sosa recognized Jeff Leavins, President of Whitely and Associates. Mr. Leavins addressed the Council and stated that their firm does a lot of work in southeast Texas and has also worked with the City of Port Neches. Councilmember McAdams moved to award the contract for engineering services for the second round of (Harvey) GLO funded street improvements to Whitely Oliver and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked if Whitely will be doing the drawing but not labor. Mr. Sosa stated that they will be doing the engineering, measuring, and dimensions. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$441,364.82 as follows:

Core & Main	Meter registers and antennas (25 @ 252.50).	6,312.50
Durotech, Inc.	New Fire Station construction- July payment.	399,635.47
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for July 2021.	20,280.39

P&P Trailer	18' lawnmower trailer	6,350.00
Republic Svc.	Peace and Dignity Program – 4748 Beaumont, 5711 Carolina, 6540 Capital, 2801 Oak, 6420 Val, 2745 Royal, 3348 Lay, 5501 W. Washington, 4432 Lawndale, Monroe/Indian Springs, 5905 25 th , 6115 39 th , 2811 Rose, 6199 Terrell, 6415 Verde, 3211 Canal, 6154 25 th , 2620 1 st .	8,786.46

Councilmember McAdams moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$441,364.82 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Councilmember Dugas asked if the payment to Republic Services was for demolitions. Mr. Sosa stated that there were four demolitions, three new builds, and the rest were clean up. Mayor Borne asked if the trailer was for replacement and Property Maintenance Supervisor John Spikes stated that it was replacing a 16 year old trailer. Motion passed unanimously.


Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tem Badon thanked the City staff and the citizens of Groves for all the years they have worked with him. He stated that neighborhoods have been cleaned up through the efforts of the Code Enforcement Officer and the Building Inspector. He has worked with Mr. Sosa on the Street Program. He thanked Police and Fire for their hard work during disasters. He thanked the attendees for coming to the meetings. He stated that he will always be available and is thankful for the opportunity to work with the City, but will be stepping down and not seek re-election in November. Mayor Borne and the Councilmembers all thanked him for his service.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.



Mayor

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