

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held January 4, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, and Councilmember Mark McAdams in attendance. Councilmember Paul Oliver was not in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and news media. Councilmember Dugas led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 21, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for reports or citizen comments. Public Works Director Troy Foxworth gave an overview of the following departments: Solid Waste, Water Treatment, Wastewater Collection, Garage, Streets and Drainage, and Utilities- which includes Water Distribution. Training, staffing, and equipment issues were also discussed. Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE REMAINDER OF THE LINDENMAYER PARK PROPERTY: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2021-01, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance rescinding Ordinance No. 2020-13 and reenacting an ordinance directing the sale of real property located within the City of Groves near the intersection of 32nd St. and Texas State Highway 73 by public auction; authorizing the deed to said property; and directing the publishing of notice of such auction including the description of said property, its location, and the date, time and place of sale."

Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-01, directing the sale of the remainder of Lindenmayer Park property and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion. Mr. Sosa explained that the original ordinance had directed that the "Notice of Sale of Real Property by Public Auction" be published in the Port Arthur News, but the cost was over \$3,000. Ordinance No. 2021-01 directs that the notice be published in The Examiner, whose rate is one-third of the Port Arthur News rate. Mayor Borne requested that the "Notice" be posted on the City's web page and City Clerk Kim Lowery stated that it would be posted. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$71,269.26 as follows:

Brenntag	Polymer for water treatment.	8,257.50
Delta Industrial Service	Hose for Fire Department	15,962.00
Motorola	Radios for Fire Department (2020 SHSP Grant).	8,383.76
TCEQ	Annual Wastewater Permit fee for FY 2021.	31,438.00
Tyler Technologies	Computer System/Software for Incode (Paid by Corona Virus Funds – social distancing implementation, allowing for paystubs to be emailed instead of hand delivered.)	7,228.00

Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$71,269.26 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked if the fire hoses were in need of replacing or if they were purchased every year. Fire Chief Lance Billeaud stated that the hoses were getting old and needed to be replaced. There were no other questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tem Badon mentioned possible changes to strengthen the City's zoning ordinance particularly pertaining to trucking companies on Main Avenue. Mr. Sosa commented that Code Enforcement Officer Adam Mayea and Building Official Don Pedraza would be addressing these issues at a February City Council meeting. Councilmember McAdams stated that he was glad to be able to attend the meeting in person.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Mayor Borne

ATTEST:

City Clerk