

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held January 18, 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 JANUARY 4, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2021 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne stated that the next item was for reports or citizen comments. He explained that Code Enforcement Officer Adam Mayea and the Inspections Department (Don Pedraza) were present to discuss zoning and a possible ordinance. Mr. Pedraza stated that some problems are being experienced with commercial vehicles being stored and used near residential areas. City Manager D.E. Sosa clarified, reporting that historically, Main Avenue between SH 73 and Gulfway Drive has been semi-industrial, such as plumbers and various shops. In the last four to five years, dump truck drivers have found that the property in that area meets the zoning requirements for dump truck businesses. As a result, under current zoning, trucks can be parked on a 50' X 100' lot, without screening, water, or sewer, which is basically a parking lot. Mr. Mayea and Mr. Pedraza have researched and found that no other cities in the area allow trucking companies this option. They will be making recommendations to amend the current zoning ordinance. Mayor Borne asked if there is a grandfather provision for existing businesses and Mr. Pedraza stated that if an existing business has a building it will be grandfathered. Mr. Mayea asked for future feedback from the Council regarding off-street parking in front and side yards. Mayor Borne stated that these are issues that will be looked at and recommendations will be made. He thanked Mr. Mayea and Mr. Pedraza for their input.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments. Patrick Reeves of 4320 Cleveland complained about people and businesses placing miscellaneous signs alongside the city streets. Jason Werner of 6320 Dave St. complimented the contractors working on the sewer project near his home. He expressed concern over the automotive businesses on the corner of Dave St. and Main Ave. He reported that the colicchie rock from those 2 businesses has spread into the road and it seems that their parking lots are now encroaching into the street, which is making it difficult to navigate the corner of Dave St. and Main Ave. Mayor Borne thanked Mr. Reeves and Mr. Werner for their comments.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF BEER AND WINE PERMITS AND MIXED BEVERAGE PERMITS FOR ON-PREMISE CONSUMPTION AND CONSIDER RENEWAL OF THE PERMITS FOR 2021: City Marshal Norman Reynolds addressed the Council and explained that this is an annual review of Groves businesses that have beer and wine permits and mixed beverage permits for on-premise consumption. He stated that Groves has five such businesses: Baytown Seafood, Colichia's Italian Village, Columbus Club of Groves, Larry's French Market, and Tony's Barbecue. Marshal Reynolds reported that he had reviewed the calls for each business over the past year and that he did not find any problems with renewing the permits. Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to renew beer and wine permits and mixed beverage permits for on-premise consumption for the year 2021 for the above named businesses and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15, 2021 DUE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENTS' DAY: Motion was made and seconded to cancel the regularly scheduled city council meeting of February 15, 2021. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST GULF COAST SOCCER WITH REPAIRS OF THE SOCCER FIELD ROADS BY PROVIDING MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT: Mr. Sosa stated that the City has the opportunity to use these repairs for training some of the new employees. The roads are on the soccer field property and repairs will take a couple of days at the most. Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated that all of the materials are already there and the City will only be doing the repairs. Councilmember McAdams moved to authorize the Public Works Department to assist Gulf Coast Soccer with repairing the soccer field roads by providing manpower and equipment and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked if the City will just be spreading rock or also putting oil on it. Mr. Foxworth stated that they will just be spreading rock. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION IN 2021: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2021-02, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance of the City Council of Groves, Texas, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy

Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2021; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; and declaring an effective date." Mr. Black explained that all of the area cities extending to Conroe are members of a steering committee which, through annual passage of this ordinance, employs the Dan Lawton Law Firm to represent the cities at the Public Utility Commission of Texas for the upcoming year. A motion and second were made to approve Ordinance No. 2021-02 authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the PUC in 2021. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 EMERGENCY INTEROPERABLE COMMUNICATIONS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF GROVES POLICE DEPARTMENT, TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Resolution No. 2021-01, reading the caption as follows: "A resolution of the City Council of the City of Groves, Texas, authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, for a FY 2022 Governor's Criminal Justice Division Grant Program Emergency Interoperable Communications Sustainability Project for the City of Groves Police Department". Marshal Reynolds stated that the Police Department was applying for ten radios and that they had gotten four last year. There are 26 other agencies in the region that will also be applying for this grant. This is a 100% grant, and there is no match required from the City. Councilmember Dugas moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-01, approving the submission of the grant application for the FY 2022 Emergency Interoperable Communications Sustainability Project for the City of Groves Police Department, to the Office of the Governor. Councilmember Oliver seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$107,084.77 as follows:

Brenntag	Chemicals for water treatment.	8,257.50
Delta Industrial Service and Supply	Bunker gear and annual bunker gear inspections.	6,899.71

Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for December 2020.	13,772.88
Groves C of C	Advertising reimbursement for Christmas Tree Trail and Small Business Saturday.	6,500.00
Jefferson Co. Clerk	2020 Joint Election expenses.	8,501.28
Motorola	Fire Dept.- Spare batteries for radios due to stoppage of production.	5,783.40
Texas Pride Utilities, LLC	Pipebursting of 8" sewer main on Plaza.	24,200.00
Vulcan Materials	PB-4 percoat street rock- chip sealing streets for 2021 Street Program.	33,170.00

Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$107,084.77 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the pipebursting (Texas Pride Utilities) was an emergency. Mr. Sosa stated that it was and that the contractor did a great job and the homeowner was happy with it. There were no other questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tem Badon mentioned the parking problems at the corner of Dave St. and Main Ave. Mr. Sosa stated that the City had installed some curb stops to try to reclaim that area and that he would have it checked out.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Mayor Borne

ATTEST:

City Clerk