

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held September 26, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams, Councilmember Paul Oliver, and Councilmember Rob Vensel in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember Rob Vensel then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2022 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 2022 GROVES PECAN FESTIVAL ROYALTY: Mayor Borne presented Proclamations to the 2022 Groves Pecan Festival Royalty.

Mayor Borne then asked for reports and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated the he had a report to give an update on some property at 3945 Main. City Manager D.E. Sosa then stated on 10/6/2021 we sent an initial letter explaining that this is a dangerous structure and that something needed to be done with this building. Mr. Sosa then stated that the City would like to sit down with the City Attorney about if the owner Mr. Harris doesn't do anything with this building then possibly getting the City to hire a contractor to do some remediation to help secure the building. City Manager D.E. Sosa then stated that Mr. Harris has been in contact with one of our Council Members and has promised to get back with us within the next couple of weeks to discuss the possibility of tearing it down, selling it or fixing it up so it will no longer be a dangerous structure. Councilmember Mark McAdams then asked City Manager D.E. Sosa if he could be a part of the meeting with Mr. Harris and Mr. Sosa stated that he can be.

Mayor Borne then asked for Citizen Comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF WEST WASHINGTON FROM DOYLE TO GULF: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of a request for temporary street closure of West Washington from Doyle to Gulf and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Fire Chief Lance Billeaud stated that the Fire Department is requesting this for their open house. Chief Billeaud stated that the open house is October 12, 2022 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and would like to close the street from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Mayor Borne then

asked if the road closure would affect the police station at all and Chief Billeaud stated that it would not. There were no further questions. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO CLOSE LINCOLN AVE. FROM CAPITOL TO JEFFERSON FROM 10:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 IN CONJUNCTION WITH FALL FEST ON LINCOLN: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of a request to close Lincoln Ave. from Capitol to Jefferson from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 30, 2022 in conjunction with Fall Fest on Lincoln and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne then asked who is making the request and Elizabeth Cortez stated that she was. Mrs. Cortez then stated that she had also did the Cinco de Mayo celebration at the same location. Mayor Borne then asked of this would affect the two churches and Mrs. Cortez stated it would not. Councilmember McAdams asked if there would be porta potties and Mrs. Cortez stated there would not be but there will be businesses open that will allow the citizens to use their facilities. There were no further questions. Motion passed with Mayor Borne, Councilmember Oliver, Councilmember Vensel and Councilmember McAdams for the request. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas abstained from voting.

CONSIDER SETTING A DATE FOR A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider setting a date for a Work Session to discuss the Food Truck Ordinance and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. Council agreed to schedule the Work Session on October 6, 2022. Councilmember Vensel amended his original motion to add on October 6, 2022 at 5 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. Motion passed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A CARNIVAL LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE GROVES PECAN FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN LIONS PARK OCTOBER 13TH – 16TH, 2022: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of a Carnival License Application for the Groves Pecan Festival to be held In Lions Park October 13th – 16th, 2022 and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked if we have used this company before and Ronnie Boneau from the Groves Chamber of Commerce stated that we have not. Mr. Boneau stated we are waiting to receive their AR 100's which is a state inspection that should be done this week and the Fire Department will do their inspection the day before the carnival. There were no further questions. Motion passed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE FUNDS TO BE USED FOR ADVERTISING COSTS FOR THE GROVES PECAN FESTIVAL: Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas made a motion to consider approval of an application for Hotel Occupancy Tax Revenue Funds to be used for advertising costs for the Groves Pecan Festival and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mr. Boneau stated that the Chamber of Commerce is asking for \$17,000 for advertising but it is looking like it will end up costing \$18,400. There were no further questions. Motion passed.


CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FOR RIGHT-OF ENTRY FOR SURVEY AND EXPLORATION, SABINE PASS TO GALVESTON BAY PROJECT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, CORPS OF ENGINEERS: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of the request for right-of entry for survey and exploration, Sabine Pass to Galveston Bay Project, Jefferson County, Texas for the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked City Manager D.E. Sosa if there is any cost to the City from this request and Mr. Sosa stated that there is not. There were no further questions. Motion passed.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$152,783.83 as follows:

Delta Industrial Service And Supply Inc	Purchase of 2.5 hose for the engine, new PPE Bunker Gear for new hire, fire gloves and Class A firefighting foam.	7,995.84
Jefferson County Appraisal District	4 th Quarter Payment.	15,932.75
Mastercard Gold	State Certifications, Equipment M&R and Training.	6,940.07
Messer, Fort & McDonald	Legal fees for CBA negotiations and Employee Handbook.	9,472.58
Motorola Solutions	Radio for new rescue 37.	5,420.07
Republic Services	Sludge disposal.	7,022.52

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Mayor Pro Tem Rhoda Dugas made a motion to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$152,783.83 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked if this is the first of the two repayments and Finance Director Lamar Ozley stated that this is the first payment. There were no further questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember Comments and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that she had a great time at the Pecan Festival Parade.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.



Mayor



ATTEST:



City Clerk

