

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held August 29, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Rob Vensel, Councilmember Mark McAdams, and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. The prayer and pledge of allegiance was then held by VFW member Jorg Kichen.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND AUGUST 15, 2022 PUBLIC HEARING: Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022 City Council meeting and August 15, 2022 Public Hearing as written. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 22, 2022 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to receive minutes from the August 22, 2022 Planning and Zoning meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. There were no questions and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and there was a report from VFW representative Jorg Kichen. Mr. Kichen then stated that he had a couple of things he would like to share with Council and the Citizens of the City of Groves. The first thing would be the VFW end of year report on what the VFW has accomplished over the past year which runs from June to July. Mr. Kichen then proceeded to inform Council and the Citizens that yesterday was the one-year anniversary of the 13 fallen Service Members in Afghanistan and he would like to remember them by name. Mr. Kichen then proceeded to read out all 13 names in remembrance and also stated that one of the things we do as Veterans of Foreign Wars is that we never forget our fallen. Mr. Kichen then awarded Groves Citizen Trevor Noyola with a Commander State Pin and was thanked for his service. Mr. Kichen then gave a brief overview of all projects that were supported by our local VFW representatives. Mayor Borne and Council then thanked all of the VFW representatives for their service.

Mayor Borne then asked if there were any citizen comments and Brette Hagedon of 5100 Pebble Beach asked Council if there is any update from the City regarding the SRO Officers for the schools. Mayor Borne then asked Mrs. Hagedon to stay and he would address this during the City Council Comment section.

Richie Wolford of 5126 Gulf Ave. then asked if he could get some information in regards to the food truck Ordinance that is trying to get passed. Mr. Wolford then stated that he is trying to buy a food truck in the near future and has some concerns on how that Ordinance might affect him. Mr. Wolford had three things that concerned

him which are not being able to operate on Saturday/Sunday, being confined to zone C3 and the term "stationary" being used.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GROVES, TEXAS AND THE GROVES FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION 10/1/22 – 9/30/23: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Groves, Texas and the Groves Firefighters Association 10/1/22 – 09/30/23. Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Finance Director Lamar Ozley then stated that the negotiations went very well and both sides were very cooperative. Mr. Ozley made sure that everyone knows that this is only a one-year contract and the main thing is it specifies the step raise as it is already proposed in the budget for the next fiscal year. There were no further questions and motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HOLD A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AT GROVES CITY HALL ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE REQUEST OF A REPLAT LOCATED AT 6901 WASHINGTON BLVD: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval to hold a Joint Public Hearing at Groves City Hall on September 26, 2022 immediately following the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting to discuss the request of a replat located at 6901 Washington Blvd and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HOLD A VOTE FOR THE PURPOSE TO ADOPT THE CITY OF GROVES' PROPOSED FY 2022-2023 BUDGET AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022: Finance Director Lamar Ozley wanted to make sure that everyone understood that we are not voting on the budget, we are in fact voting on setting a date in the future to have the vote. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas made a motion to consider approval to hold a vote for the purpose to adopt the City of Groves' Proposed FY 2022-2023 budget at the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting on September 12, 2022. Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked if these dates coincide with state specified requirements and Mr. Ozley stated that they do and have been approved by the City Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE AND RATE OF \$0.635924 / \$100 FOR THE 2022-2023 BUDGET VIA RECORD VOTE: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of the Proposed

Tax Increase and Rate of \$0.635924 / \$100 for the 2022-2023 budget via record vote and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Finance Director Lamar Ozley then stated that this is not an actual vote for the tax rate, it is a vote to set the voting day for September 12, 2022. Mayor Borne then asked if we should add that date to the motion and it was agreed upon that we should. Councilmember Rob Vensel then made a motion to amend the previous motion to add September 12, 2022. The amendment was passed unanimously. Mayor Borne then asked if there were any questions regarding the motion and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT GROVES CITY HALL ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 AT 5 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE TO REVIEW THE CITY OF GROVES' PROPOSED FY 2022-2023 TAX RATE AND INCREASE:**

Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval to hold a Public Hearing at Groves City Hall on September 12, 2022 at 5 p.m. for the purpose to review the City of Groves' Proposed FY 2022-2023 Tax Rate and Increase. Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. There were no questions and motion passed unanimously.

**AUTHORIZE COUNCIL TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS TO ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION:** Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to authorize Council to make appointments to Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then discussed who have been suggested for these open positions. For the Planning and Zoning Commission, Mr. Rod Hatch to be moved from an alternate to a regular member and Mrs. Lynette Baaheth to be nominated as a regular member. Trevor Noyola would also be nominated as an alternate for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Then for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Mr. Rowetts Baaheth to be nominated as a regular member along with Mr. Sidney Badon. Mayor Borne then stated to Councilmember Oliver that James Carpenter is interested in the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mayor Borne then asked Council if there was an action that they would like to take tonight and Councilmember Vensel stated that he would like to vote on the nominated members. Councilmember Vensel then made a motion to appoint Mr. Rod Hatch and Lynette Baaheth to the Planning and Zoning Commission along with Trevor Noyola as an alternate. To the Zoning Board of Adjustment appoint Mr. Rowetts Baaheth and Mr. Sidney Badon. Councilmember Vensel then amended his motion to also include Mr. John Carpenter to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. There were no further questions and motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2022-10 AMENDING CHAPTER 11, "FOOD AND FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS" OF THE CITY OF GROVES CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD ARTICLE IV FOR THE GOVERNING OF THE OPERATION OF FOOD TRUCKS IN THE CITY: Mayor Pro Tem Dugas made a motion to consider approval of Ordinance 2022-10 amending Chapter 11, "Food and food establishments" of the City of Groves code of ordinances to add Article IV for the governing of the operation of food trucks in the City. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then stated that he has made some changes to the previous Draft Ordinance but still had a few questions. Mr. Monk then asked about the distance related to food truck operations in regards to the Pecan Festival. Mr. Monk asked Council if there is a preferred footage of distance and Council agreed to 1,000 feet. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then asked when would Council want this to take effect and Council agreed to put immediately upon adoption. Council then discussed with Mr. Richie Wolford his concerns that are in the current draft of the Food Truck Ordinance. Mr. Wolford's main concerns were not being able to operate on Saturday and Sunday's and also being limited to the C3 district. Councilmember Mark McAdams then made a motion to table this item and Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Motion to table passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$104,072.92 as follows:

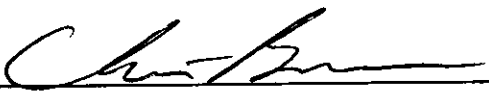
A & J Engine Service Inc.	Lift Purchased.	7,000.00
Coburn Supply	Supplies for repairs of water lines.	14,072.50
Delta Industrial Service And Supply Inc.	Bunker Gear for Dale & Spikes.	5,739.12
DXI Industries Inc	Wastewater Plant Chemicals. (SO2 & CL2).	7,045.80
Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchased.	27,210.55


Mastercard Gold	AED's Reverse 911 (will be paid for By Regional Grant), Window Cleaner, Internet PTP for Fire Station, Ice Bag Freezer for Fire Station, Miscellaneous Training and Office supplies.	10,031.35
Motorola Solutions	Base radios for New Fire Station.	15,476.87
Pump Solutions Inc.	High Service Pump #2.	11,465.00
Republic Services	Sludge Disposal.	6,031.73

Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$104,072.92 and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked if the radios that were purchased are in the budget and Fire Chief Lance Billeaud stated that these particular ones were not that he used some leftover money from the current year to purchase them. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments and Mayor Borne then stated that there is no longer an option for the City of Groves to have an SRO Officer in any of our schools, the School District has decided to go a different route with the money they had proposed. Mayor Borne then stated that most likely by the positioning of Marshals that are controlled by the School District but there will not be an option for an SRO Officer at this time. Mayor Borne then stated that from his understanding they should be hiring at least one additional body for Groves but he does not know if they have done the hiring yet or not. Mayor Borne then stated that he would like to thank the members of the VFW for coming and for their service.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk