

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held December 19, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Rob Vensel, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember Oliver led the opening prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Councilmember Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2022 City Council meeting and as written and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne then asked City Manager D.E. Sosa if there are any reports and there was one report from Utilities Supervisor Michael Tentrup. Mr. Tentrup stated that he has was going to give updates regarding the Pipe Bursting Project. Mr. Tentrup also stated that the money used for this project was grant money from CLFRF Corona Virus relief funds. He then stated that you are basically pulling a big pneumatic head with plastic pipe attached to the back of it and you are pulling it through the existing sewer line and it breaks that old line out of the way which is a lot less ground disturbance. Please see attached document for timelines for Phases A through F and pricing for the project. Councilmember Vensel asked what the diameter of the pipes are and Mr. Tentrup stated its all going to 8 inches but on Eugenia and Bryan they do have some that are 10 inches.

Mayor Borne then asked for citizen comments and Patrick Reeves of 4320 Cleveland Ave stated that the City is looking good with these signs coming down and he is hoping that we can get an Ordinance that has some meat to it. Mr. Reeves also wanted thank everyone for doing a good job. There were no further citizen comments.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AMEND THE POLICE CBA TO ADOPT THE CITY HANDBOOK HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:** Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval to amend the Police CBA to adopt the City Handbook Holiday Schedule and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Councilmember Oliver asked if anything is changing with this and HR Director Stephanie Gaspard stated that there it is nothing different they are just wanting it to be the same as what Council approved in the new City Handbook. The Police just want to add in the changes that were made with the approval of the current handbook. Mayor Borne asked if there were any objections and Mrs. Gaspard stated that she met with the Police Union and they

signed off and are wanting to do this. There were no further questions and motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE FILMING DATE FOR ONE EYED JACKS PRODUCTIONS FROM SUNDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> 2023 TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>TH</sup> 2023 FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M.: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to consider approval to change the filming date for One Eyed Jacks Productions from Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 to Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that they had their dates mixed up and since it was previously approved for a certain day they decided to put it back on the agenda to get it approved for the new date. There were no further questions. Motion passed.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO AMEND THE GAME ROOM ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE THE REQUIREMENT OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT DURING THE APPLICATION PROCESS: Councilmember Vensel made a motion to consider approval to amend the Game Room Ordinance to include the requirement of a Specific Use Permit during the application process and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk about not having an Ordinance number and Mr. Monk stated that we have to go through Planning and Zoning with this one as well so we are holding off on assigning it a number. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams asked if we need to approve it tonight and Mr. Monk stated that we just need to approve the content to be able to go forward with submitting it to Planning and Zoning. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$466,541.96 as follows:

Chameleon Industries	Polymer for Water Plant.	31,820.00
City of Port Arthur	Landfill fees. (10/26-11/23).	15,755.00
DXI Industries, INC.	Chlorine for Water Plant.	6,861.60
Jefferson County Appraisal District	JCAD first quarter payment.	16,699.68
Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchased.	22,578.00

Mastercard Gold	Diamond plate for Fire Station, EMS CE Software, Uniform Services, Radio Batteries, TCFP Renewal.	5,531.79
Republic Services	Sludge disposal for November.	6,990.10
Republic Services	Commercial dumpster collection for Nov. 2022.	6,360.30
Republic Services	Peace and Dignity Program: 5001 Cleveland, 3328 Pure Atlantic, 5600 39 <sup>th</sup> , 6528 Washington, 6255 Garner, 6279 Jackson, 6398 Monroe, Indian Springs (new home), 4710 Martha, 3815 Pure Atlantic, 6657 Washington (demolition), 5905 25 <sup>th</sup> , 4970 Wilson.	5,759.16
Siddons-Martin Emergency Group	Maintenance and repair on Fire Truck. (Drive Belt, Windshield, and Seat Belt).	5,723.33
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Annual system fee for operating the Water Plant.	18,027.10
Texas Pride Utilities	Pay Application #1 for 2022-2023 CLFRF Pipe Bursting Project.	324,435.96

Councilmember Vensel made a motion to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$466,541.96 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. There were no questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Rhonda Dugas stated that she had fun at the Christmas lunch for the City Employees and also the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party. Mayor Borne then thanked all of the businesses that sent Christmas cards to the City. Mayor Borne then stated that the City received an email from Brenda Dees a member of Scenic Texas and their mission is to plant one million trees in the state of Texas. Mayor Borne stated that there was a donation from Moon Valley Nursery of 8500 trees and the City of Groves will be getting 65 trees donated at no cost to the City. City Manager D.E. Sosa then

announced that he will be retiring from the City of Groves March 31, 2023 after 20 years of service. Mayor Borne thanked Mr. Sosa for all of his years of service. There being no further business, Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

  
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Mayor Borne

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk