

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held January 17, 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 and news media. Councilmember McAdams then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Vensel 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. Mayor Borne asked for reports and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated there were none.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments. Neil David of 6316 Gonzales spoke regarding the appointment of Sidney Badon to the EDC board. Mr. David asked if anyone else had been considered and suggested appointing someone with finance experience. Barbara Edington of 3800 Russell also spoke regarding the appointment of Sidney Badon to the EDC board and asked the council to table this item. She voiced that she felt the appointment would be taking away an opportunity for others to serve and suggested giving public notice regarding the vacancy/appointment. Troy Leach of 5501 Port Neches addressed the council. He expressed interest in serving on the EDC board. He stated that he wanted to give back to the community and asked for the council's consideration. Mayor Borne thanked everyone 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 2022: 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. Councilmember McAdams moved to renew beer and wine permits and mixed beverage permits for on-premise consumption for the year 2022 for the above named businesses and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SIDNEY BADON, JR TO THE BOARD OF THE GROVES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION : Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to consider the appointment of Sidney Badon Jr to the Board of the Groves EDC and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Councilmember McAdams asked if there is any rule that says the council needs to go public with filling the vacancy, and Mayor Borne stated that it would not hurt to go out to the public. Mayor Borne suggested that council table the item and request that anyone interested in the position send in a letter. Councilmember Oliver asked how long the process would take and Mayor Borne stated that there will be an agenda item to fill this position at the next City Council Meeting. Councilmember McAdams asked about putting a notice in the newspaper and Mr. Sosa stated that the notice could be put on the City's web page. Mayor Borne requested that the motion be amended for this item to be tabled until the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that she did not want to table the item. The motion failed with Mayor Borne, Councilmember McAdams, and Councilmember Oliver voting "against". Councilmember Vensel and Mayor Pro Tem voting "for".

Mayor Borne moved to table the appointment of Sidney Badon Jr to the board of the Groves EDC and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Motion passed, with Mayor Borne, Councilmember Oliver and Councilmember McAdams voting "for" and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas and Councilmember Vensel voting "against".

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REQUEST FROM THE JEFFERSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FOR USE OF LIONS PARK ON JANUARY 29-30, 2022 FOR A WINTER FIELD DAY RADIO EVENT: Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the request and Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$741,900.53 as follows:

City of Port Arthur	Sludge Disposal(1,200.00) and Landfill Fees (16,065.00)	17,265.00
Durotech Inc.	Fire Station construction- December Payment 2021	640,580.09
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for December 2021.	19,781.04
Hach	Partnership purchase agreement for Hach to come and service Water Plant Equipment	5,700.00

Micro Integration	Door Hardware for Fire Station (9,580.00) (17,878.00)	27,458.00
Motorola	Radios for Police Department. (2019 JAG Grant)	15,052.20
Republic Services	Peace and Dignity Program – 4748 Beaumont, 6141 25 th , 6919 39 th , 3429 Graves, 3308 Canal, 5318 Park, 5225 33 rd , 5252 Twin City, 5505 25 th , Monroe/Indian Springs, 5905 25 th , 2730 Montrose, 3211 Canal, 5600 39 th	9,181.20
Shi Government Solutions	Computer System Software (5,208.00) (1,675.00)	6,883.00

Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$741,900.53 and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and asked if the cost of the Police Radios will be reimbursed. Marshall Reynolds stated that the city does not have any matching on it. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas questioned the door hardware for the Fire Station. Chief Billeaud explained that the doors are taken care of through the IT department. Councilmember Oliver asked if this is part of the contract and Chief Billeaud stated that this is part of the budget. There were no other questions and the motion passed unanimously.


Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. There were none. Mr. Sosa announced that there will be a groundbreaking for Chic Fil A on January 25th at 3:00 pm at the site and that individual invitations will be sent out.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk