

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held June 6, 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 and he then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 23, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**  
Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2022 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING ARMENTOR'S UNITED MARTIAL ARTS AS THE 2022 RECIPIENT OF THE GROVES BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:** Mayor Borne issued a Proclamation designating Armentor's United Martial Arts as the 2022 Recipient of the Groves Business of the Year to Sherry Armentor and she expressed her gratitude to the City for this honor.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that we have one report from David Molbert who is the Water Plant Supervisor regarding the 2021 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Mr. Molbert then introduced Chris Cropper who will be going through the report with him. Mr. Molbert stated that this annual drinking water report has to be done once a year and if you notice in your packet that there were no violations except for the freeze. This violation was because everything went down and that was not anything we could control. Mr. Molbert also stated that all of these tests are done by the state except for the chloramine test. All results are on the City Web Page, it is listed as 2021 Consumer Confidence Report. Councilmember Paul Oliver asked if the report is done once a year and also asked how often the tests are done. Mr. Molbert responded that is correct the report is done once a year, but the haloacetic acids and total trihalomethanes are done quarterly. The asbestos, barium, cyanide, and nitrate are done once a year. The Chloramine test is done daily and that the Bacteria samples are done every Monday. Mayor Borne asked if there were any other questions and there were none. Mayor Borne then asked if there were any citizen comments and there were none.

**CONSIDER CANCELING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 4, 2022 DUE TO OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY:**  
Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider canceling the regularly scheduled City Council meeting of July 4, 2022 due to observance of Independence Day. Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked if there were any questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2022-06 AMENDING THE SPECIFIC USE PERMIT GRANTED IN ORDINANCE 2022-05, TO GRANT A VARIANCE AS TO THE WIDTH, DEPTH, AND SQUARE FOOTAGE REQUIREMENT FOR EACH RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SPACE: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2022-06, reading the Ordinance as follows: "An Ordinance amending the Specific Use Permit granted in Ordinance No. 2022-05 in accordance with section 10-500. "Specific Use Permits", for the location of a recreational vehicle park to be placed upon property described as a 5.62 acre tract of land out of and a part of lot 4, block 4, range "C", Port Arthur Land Company Subdivision, Jefferson County, Texas, located near the joiner of State Highways 73 and 87, in Groves, Texas; subject to certain conditions, requirements and granting a variance as to the width, depth and square footage requirement for each recreational vehicle space; providing that no other portions of said ordinance shall be affected hereby; providing a savings clause; providing a penalty; providing for codification; providing for publication by publishing the caption only; and providing an effective date."

Mr. Black then stated that this is an amendment to the Ordinance from last Council Meeting, it is the same as the prior Ordinance from the Specific Use Permit but it is amended to provide for the recreational vehicle space size to be a minimum width of 21 feet 3 inches, depth of 106 feet 1 inch and contain a minimum of 2249 square feet. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to consider approval Ordinance 2022-06 and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Councilmember Mark McAdams then stated that he thought we had talked about expanding the width of the parking spots on the Trailer Park blueprints so they can be up to code with the City requirements. Mayor Borne then stated that we approved the Specific Use Permit but this motion has been brought up to allow them to build the spots at 21 feet 3 inches and that's why it is back before Council to grant the variance for the width of the spots if passed. Councilmember McAdams then stated that he was to the understanding that they were going to try to get the plans to the 30 foot mark. Mayor Borne then stated that they did look at it and upon further review some of the Council members decided that they would like to see the variance given, so now it is in front of us to talk about and vote on. Mayor Borne also stated that he has done some research on this and he found that most RV Parks do not have a 30 feet width and if they do then its to park vehicles on the side of the trailer. Mayor Borne also stated that at the 21 feet mark there will still be space to move around and they are deep enough to where you can park vehicles in front of them. Mayor Borne then stated that he looked at how many spaces he thought they were going to lose and that in his opinion it was going to cost them more money and he thought the 30 foot was overkill, so he agrees with this variance.

Dr. Tohme who is the engineer for this project then stated that the standard parking space is 9 feet by 19 feet so you will be able to still park 2 vehicles on the reinforced concrete. Councilmember Paul Oliver then wanted to speak on the width of the trailers which he stated the widest width would be 102 inches, and usually you have an 8 ft. canopy, along with slide outs that vary between 3 and 5 feet. Mr. Oliver then stated that if you total that up then you are over 21ft 3in. Dr. Tohme then stated that would be for the largest on the market but when this RV Park opens there will be a lease agreement that will specify what size RV's it can absorb there. Councilmember Rob Vensel then asked if you go to the 30 foot then you would lose about 18 spaces and Dr. Tohme stated that was correct. Councilmember Vensel then asked how many total spaces they are going to have if they keep it at the 21ft 3in. and they stated 54 spaces. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to let the City Council give the variance as long as Council approves it. Tara Oney who is the representative for Action Restoration stated that the average width of an RV without the pullout is 8.5 ft wide and if you have the pullout with maximum measurement of 6 ft. then that would only be 14.5 ft. Councilmember Paul Oliver then asked Tara Oney and Dr. Tohme if they would consider coming back and give us something more to look at with some sort of compromise and they stated that let's see how Council votes first. Mayor Borne then asked if there were any other questions and Council had no further questions. Motion to amend passed with Mayor Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Dugas, and Councilmember McAdams for amending the item and Councilmember Oliver and Councilmember Vensel against.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$174,084.00 as follows:

Alfa Level	Feed tube holders for Centrifuge #1 and #2.	15,079.00
Otto Environmental Systems	Garbage cans.	32,235.00
Texas Pride Utilities	Replacement of downtown Lincoln Sewer Main. Funding is through CLRF Grant.	126,770.00

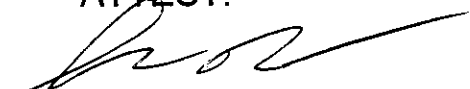
Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$174,084.00 and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked if the replacement of the downtown Lincoln Sewer Main comes out of the grant and City Manager D. E. Sosa stated that yes it does. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas also asked about the garbage cans and Michael Tentrup stated that Council had previously approved for the purchase of them back in April and this is just to pay the invoice. Mr. Tentrup stated that we ordered 500 garbage cans. There were no other questions and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Borne stated that he had the pleasure of attending the Texas Emergency Management Conference with Fire Chief Billeaud and it was very informative but he hopes that he never has to use any of the training. There were no further comments.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk