

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held May 23, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Rob Vensel, and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Councilmember Mark McAdams was not present. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember Oliver then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND MAY 9, 2022 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING:** Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2022 City Council Meeting and May 9, 2022 Joint Public Hearing as written and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

**RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 9, 2022 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING:** Mayor Borne stated that we have received the minutes from the May 9, 2022 Planning and Zoning Meeting. Please see attached copy for details.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and there were none. He then asked for citizen comments and there were none.

**REQUEST THE APPROVAL OF THE REVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEMS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:** Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas made a motion to request the approval of the revision of the Southeast Texas Regional Radio Systems Interlocal Agreement. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that this Regional Radio System Interlocal Agreement started back in 2005 and is used basically to make sure all the agencies can speak to each other in emergencies. He also stated it has been very helpful with grants and getting upgrades etc. Mr. Sosa then asked Fire Chief Lance Billeaud to come up and give more information on this agreement. Chief Billeaud stated that what they did on the change of this agreement was to create an executive committee to oversee the system and that committee also has a subcommittee which includes south county of Port Arthur, Nederland, Groves, and Port Neches that are all together on this agreement. Chief Billeaud stated we may see an addition again in a year or two because Jasper County is trying to get into the regional radio system but they have a lot of equipment to buy first. Mayor Borne asked if this agreement allows us to communicate with other jurisdictions in case of an emergency. Chief Billeaud stated that this system actually incorporates as of now Jefferson, Hardin and Orange County, it's an 800 radio system on a P25 digital network. It's not only the Police Department but Fire Department as well. Councilmember Paul Oliver asked if our equipment is up to date and Chief Billeaud stated that our repeater is up to date but our radio systems are slowly going out of

date. Chief Billeaud stated that it's coming to a point to where they are not making parts for them anymore. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2022-05 GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR THE LOCATION OF A RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARK TO BE PLACED UPON THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED AT LT 4 TR 2 BLK 4 RG C PALCO 5.62 AC: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2022-05, reading the Ordinance as follows: "An Ordinance amending the City of Groves, Texas, Zoning Ordinance by granting a Specific Use Permit 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 joinder of State Highway 73 and 87, in Groves, Texas; subject to certain conditions and requirements; 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."

Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve Ordinance 2022-05 and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. City Attorney James Black stated that he wrote the Ordinance in accordance with the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission in which was that the Specific Use Permit be granted under the provisions of the Ordinance as it's written. Mr. Black stated that he called attention to that fact with the explanation following the description of the property in the Ordinance, the reason being that their recommendation stated that they recommended be approved as the Ordinance as written. Mr. Black also stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission also called to attention that Council has the ability to grant a variance under the Recreational Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Black then stated that he understands that the preliminary sight plans were for a width less than 30 feet, the Ordinance requires that the spaces be 30 feet in width. Mr. Black also stated that if adopted then that's what it would be, the Ordinance as written. This is unless the Council chooses to grant a variance. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that in the Planning and Zoning Committee meeting that was held directly after the May 9, 2022 City Council meeting it was stated in the minutes the chairman of said committee, Mr. Pacetti made a motion to approve the consideration that all article III Recreational Vehicle Parks Ordinances are met or a variance granted and it was seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked why the variance was not written in the Ordinance and City Attorney James Black stated that you would not write it in that you would have to adopt an Ordinance either

granting the variance or not granting the variance. This Ordinance is written without a variance. If Council discusses it and chooses to grant a variance then we will amend the Ordinance to provide for the variance.

City Attorney James Black stated that the Ordinance says that when you grant a Specific Use Permit then the variance should be included in the Permit, so Council needs to decide if you want to adopt the Ordinance in accordance as is written or grant a variance. Mayor Borne then asked Tara Oney if she has any new information in regards to the sight plan and Mrs. Oney said that no but they will build at whatever width you require. Mr. Black then stated that you can grant a variance at a later time so you can issue this Ordinance and change it at any time. Mayor Borne then asked if there were any other questions at this time and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$179,596.50 as follows:

Act Pipe & Supply	Culvert and drain boxes for Joplin Avenue job and stock for PW yard.	5,354.40
Amber Estates LLC	Subdivider rebate for Amber Estates for 2018 Through 2021.	17,059.31
City of Port Arthur	Sludge disposal (1,900); and Partial Mar/April 2022 Landfill fees (19,980).	21,880.00
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for April 2022.	24,332.08
Heil of Texas	Cylinders rebuilt for Garbage truck and Gradall; Suction hose for Vacon.	5,276.27
Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchased.	20,700.88
Moody Bros. Inc.	So2 regulators (4 units).	12,410.00
Philpott Motors	Parts for old PD #6 getting redone with new Engine to replace Draftsman/Public Works vehicle.	5,096.01
Republic Services	Commercial dumpster collection March 2022.	5,168.66
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Soutex Surveyors, Inc.	2022 Pipe Bursting Engineering.	32,910.00
Southwest Texas Drywall, LLC	Paint lounge and outside of the Activity Building. (brick, metal panels, gutters, downspouts etc.).	18,873.46

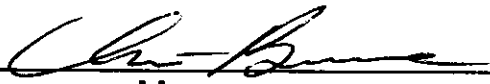
Wastewater                      Wet haul sludge from Digester.  
Transport Services


5,197.

Councilmember Vensel moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$179,596.50 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Mayor Borne then asked for clarification on the Amber Estates LLC, the \$17,059.31 is for 50% of the water and sewer that has been collected from the time it started until now and that will not be the amount every time. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that is correct the yearly payment will be roughly between 5,000 and 6,000 dollars per year until the maximum \$240,000 is reached or 20 years whichever comes first. Councilmember Rob Vensel then asked about the pipe bursting engineering and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that is for the pipe bursting for the sewer lines with our Grant money. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked about the So2 regulators and Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated they are the regulators that take the chlorine out of the water at the Wastewater Plant. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas wanted to thank the firefighters for the CPR classes that were given to the City Employees.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk