

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held May 9, 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. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Councilmember Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

**RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 2, 2022 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING:** Mayor Borne stated that we have received the minutes from the May 2, 2022 Planning and Zoning Meeting. Please see attached copy for details.

**PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MAY 9, 2022 AS "DRESSIN UP DAY" IN THE CITY OF GROVES:** A presentation of a Proclamation recognizing May 9, 2022 as "Dressin Up Day" in the City of Groves was presented to Kari Robbins and Jewel Cole.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated he had one report regarding the October 2021 through April 2022 Drainage Report. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the area of most importance is the regrading of ditches and culverts cleaned and blown out. In addition, we have listed all of the new driveways that required new culverts. The drainage crews regraded and cleaned 33,840 feet of ditches and culverts. They did 18 new driveways, and repaired 4 storm drains during this time frame. Please see attached report for further information. Mayor Borne then asked for comments and there were none. Mayor Borne then asked for citizen comments and there were none.

**AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH THE DEVELOPER OF AMBER ESTATES FOR REIMBURSEMENT AS PROVIDED IN THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR CLASS A SUBDIVISIONS:** City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that this is a Class A Subdivision and that if you want to go back through the entire process this was an area that originally requested a Specific Use Permit and they were denied. Then the developer Mr. Akhtar decided that he would go ahead and do single family homes, so he did that and he followed the process for Class A Subdivision. City Manager Sosa then stated back in 2019 we sent him the paperwork for the contract for the repayment and something transpired and they never sent it

back. Recently Mr. Akhtar inquired about it and we went back and found out that they had never sent their contract back to us. We are asking council to go ahead and authorize the signature of this contract by the Mayor so the City can go ahead and begin the process of reimbursing the developer for the costs of the concrete streets, water and sewer not to exceed the amount of \$240,000 or 20 years, whichever comes first. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that those funds are taken from the people that are living in those homes. The City rebates the developer back 50% of the water and sewer revenue as a way to pay back for these streets, water and sewer lines. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with the developer of Amber Estates for reimbursement as provided in the City Code of Ordinances for Class A Subdivisions. Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked if we were doing this retroactive to November 2019 and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated it was 2018. Mayor Borne then asked if that date was when the first utility bill came out of there and Mr. Sosa stated that yes it was from a private citizen. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked what the total we would be approving and Mr. Sosa stated that the total we would be paying would be \$17,036.81 for the last 2 ½ years. Councilmember Paul Oliver asked if the payments would just start now and Mr. Sosa stated that we would make the one payment of \$17,036.81 and then we would pay every November. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that the contract states we would pay up to \$240,000 or 20 years, whichever comes first. Mayor Borne then asked if those have become City Streets and Mr. Sosa stated that was correct along with City Water and Sewer Lines. Mayor Borne then asked if there were anymore questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PLAT FOR THE INDIAN SPRINGS SUBDIVISION PHASE III:** Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to consider approval of the final plat for the Indian Springs Subdivision Phase III. Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. City Manager D.E. Sosa then asked the representative from the Indian Springs Contractors how many lots are on Phase III and Mike from Cormier Constructions stated that there are 75 lots. Mayor Borne then asked Mike from Cormier Constructions what the total number of lots were and he responded that it was 140. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER SETTING A DATE FOR A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING IN REGARD TO THE REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS:** Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to consider setting a date for a Joint Public Hearing in regard to the request for an amendment for the qualifications to the Zoning Board of Adjustments. Mayor Pro Tem

Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne then asked if there were any objections to setting the date for June 6, 2022 and there were none. Everyone was in agreeance for the Joint

Public Hearing to be set June 6, 2022 immediately following the City Council Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$488,774.73 as follows:

Capital One Trade Credit	Metal Storage Cabinets for New Fire Station.	7,866.60
Durotech INC	Final payment for Construction of New Fire Station.	345,377.83
DXI Industries	Chlorine for Water Plant.	5,700.00
Heil of Texas	Myers unit pump rebuild.	7,500.00
Higginbotham Insurance Agency INC	Wind Insurance for New Fire Station.	5,175.95
Mastercard Gold	Fire Station Supplies, Training, Office Supplies and Dues & Subscriptions.	5,862.41
Republic Services	Demolition and Peace & Dignity Program- 4748 Beaumont, 3711 Boyd, 6171 Hansen, 3824 Charles, 5901 David, 5410 Grant, 6515 Kennedy, 6654 Jefferson, 2100 Main, 4609 McKinley, 3129 Oak, 5318 Park, 6199 Terrell, 4849 Wilson, 4401 Lincoln, 5905 25 <sup>th</sup> , 6230 Terrell.	6,331.54
Silsbee Ford	2 New Patrol Vehicles.	104,960.40

Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$488,774.73 and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked if there were any questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

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Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that she attended the KC's National Day of Prayer at Celebration Park and it was very nice and hopes that everyone can attend next year. Mayor Borne stated that he attended the presentation for the business of the year for Armentor's Karate Academy and they were very appreciative. Councilmember Rob Vensel wanted to let everyone know that they would be presenting the Mother of the Year award the next day on May 10, 2022 at the Groves Chamber for 5:30.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk