

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held on November 21, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Rob Vensel, Councilmember Mark McAdams and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne was not present. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then led the opening prayer and Mr. Kenneth Lofton of the local VFW then led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2022 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked City Manager D.E. Sosa if there are any reports and there was one. City Manager D.E. Sosa then gave an update on our street program and stated that things are going to pick up since L.D. Construction is back on the job. Mr. Sosa stated that they just finished most of the prep work on Allison, Bay and Woodlawn. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that we will have to use a cement slurry because nobody can get limestone but it will be a good substitute. Mr. Sosa then stated that next we will be going into Phase II which includes Real St, Jackson Blvd, Myer, Willis, Ruby, Cooley, Smith, 25th St from Owens to 73, Graves Ave, Cove Drive, Martin St., Dave Street, Montrose Avenue and Royal Ave. Mr. Sosa stated that we will also move Kent Street to Phase II because of the curbing and trying to get that out of the way as soon as possible. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that we are looking at about \$400,000 expenditure for Phase III and that will take up all of the GLO funds for the street program.

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas then asked for citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of an Ordinance declaring the results of the general election held on November 8, 2022 and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then read the caption as follows: "An Ordinance canvassing returns and declaring results of an election held on the 8th day of November, 2022, in the City of Groves". There were no further questions and motion passed.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS (WARD NO. 2 AND WARD NO. 4 COUNCILMEMBERS, AND CITY MARSHAL): City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux then proceeded to give oaths of office to Paul Oliver Ward No. 2, Rhonda Dugas Ward No. 4 and Norman Reynolds Junior for City Marshal.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXPOOL INVESTMENT POOLS AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider a Resolution authorizing participation in the TexPool investment pools and designating authorized representatives and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Finance Director Lamar Ozley stated that all this Resolution is to authorize himself as well as City Manager D.E. Sosa to be able to get the accounts started and also to take monies in and out as approved by Council. Let the record indicate that Council donated a dollar each to open the TexPool accounts for a total of five dollars. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SETTING DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider setting dates and times for future City Council Meeting and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Council discussed and agreed on keeping the dates and times for every other Monday at 5 pm. There were no further questions and motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER MAKING PERMITS FOR GAME ROOMS REQUIRE A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that he would like Council's blessing to consider letting the City Attorney put together an amendment for our current Ordinance for Council's review. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that he thinks the Specific Use Permit would be fair for all of our citizens to be able to speak on whether they would want them within 200 ft. of their property. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated so that means they would have a Public Hearing for these and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that is correct. Councilmember Oliver asked if this Ordinance is changed then would the current game room be grandfathered in and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that he thinks the current one would be legal nonconforming. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that one thing that we have working for us is that there is a one-year requirement that they renew their permit for the game rooms and so one thing we could look at is making the Specific Use permit a requirement of the renewal. Council had no objections to let the City Attorney look at changing the current Ordinance for Game Rooms and allow him to present it to Council.

AMEND 2022-2023 BUDGET LINE ITEM 11 5-67-09-604 TO INCLUDE AND ADDITIONAL \$1,921,653.55 CLFRF GRANT EXPENDITURE: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to amend 2022-2023 budget line item 11 5-67-09-604 to include an additional \$1,921,653.55 CLFRF grant expenditure and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Finance Director Lamar Ozley stated that this is the second tranche of the grant money under the Covid Relief and we received it on September 26, 2022 after the budget had already been passed. Mr. Ozley stated that we are not allowed to spend the money since it wasn't in the budget when passed so we have to amend the budget to include this grant money so we would be able to spend it. There were no further questions and motions passed.


INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$203,146.12 as follows:

DXI Industries INC	Wastewater Plant Chemicals (CL2 and SO2).	9,031.20
Fuelman of Lafayette	Gas and Diesel for October 2022.	25,889.73
Port-Neches Groves School District	Summer Rec. Program.	9,920.72
Republic Services	Sludge Disposal.	7,311.73
Republic Services	Peace and Dignity Program: 2705 Boyd (Demolition), 5419 Whittaker (Demolition), 5001 Cleveland, 3328 Pure Atlantic, 5600 39 th St, 6528 Washington, 6255 Garner, 6279 Jackson, 7051 Live Oak (New Home), 6398 Monroe (New Home), 3817 Milo (Garage Demo), Monroe Indian Springs (New Home), 3115 Main, 4710 Martha, 3815 Pure Atlantic, 6657 Washington (Demolition), 4260 Wilson (New Home), 5905 25 th , 4970 Wilson.	15,499.90

TCEQ	Wastewater Discharge Permit.	29,940.66
Texas Division Of Emergency Management	Second and final payment for FEMA error on IKE Hurricane.	105,551.88

Councilmember Mark McAdams made a motion to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$203,146.12 and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Councilmember Vensel asked if the Summer Rec. Program payment was just our portion and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that is correct and that Port Neches pays the same amount. There were no further questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Mark McAdams wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all of the citizens, employees and Council. Councilmember Vensel and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that they really enjoyed the City Employee Thanksgiving Lunch and thanked the City for the invitation. There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Dugas adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk