

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held October 24, 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. Mr. Jorg Kitchen from the VFW then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked if there were any questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2022 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that the minutes would be received into the record (copy attached).

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING OCTOBER 24, 2022 AS ELI SCOTT DAY: Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas presented a Proclamation to Mr. Scott designating October 24, 2022 as Eli Scott Day.

Mayor Borne then asked if we have any reports and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that we have two reports, one from Chief Billeaud and one from himself. Fire Chief Lance Billeaud stated that a couple of weeks ago he and the HR Director Stephanie Gaspard were meeting over the new CBA with the Firefighters Association. Chief Billeaud then stated that there was an issue with their Holiday Rate. Chief Billeaud then stated that he contacted the Attorney that wrote the CBA and she apologized for the error and stated that the City needs to hold an open meeting with the Firefighters Association and approve an amendment. Chief Billeaud then stated that the City has already met in an open meeting with Haden Grove whom is the president of the Firefighters Union and everything was agreed upon and signed. There were no questions for Chief Billeaud.

City Manager D.E. Sosa then stated that three out of our four garbage trucks are running very nicely and our fourth truck should be back up and running this week. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that we have moved our meter department out of City Hall and it was moved to Public Works under Mike Tentrup's crew which has a lot more resources and man power. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that this move will help the City improve the readings and help eliminate that estimations. There were no questions for City Manager D.E. Sosa.

Mayor Borne then asked Jorg Kitchen if he had a report from the VFW and Mr. Kitchen stated that he did. Mr. Kitchen stated that October 23rd marked the anniversary of the Beirut Bombing where 241 marines died that day. Mr. Kitchen also gave a list of activities coming up for Veteran's Day.

Mayor Borne then asked if there were any citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS TO ADVERTISE THE GROVES CHRISTMAS TREE TRAIL: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider authorizing the use of Hotel/Motel tax funds to advertise the Groves Christmas Tree Trail and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne stated that all Council Members had the applications for this in their packet and there were no questions for Mr. Ronnie Boneau. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS TO ADVERTISE "SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY" IN GROVES. Councilmember Mark McAdams made a motion to consider authorizing the use of Hotel/Motel tax funds to advertise "Small Business Saturday" in Groves and Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. There were no questions for Mr. Ronnie Boneau and the motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE COST, FUNDING AND SCOPE UPDATES FROM SCHNEIDER ELECTRIC REGARDING WASTE WATER PLANT IMPROVEMENTS: City Manager D. E. Sosa stated that we have Craig Mesenbrink from Schneider Electric with a presentation to let us know where we are at and to go over some hard numbers along with recommendations for the Sewer Plant Improvements. Mr. Mesenbrink stated that the intention for today is to deliver the scope and pricing then over the next few weeks collect any feedback and then come back in December to discuss action. Mr. Mesenbrink then stated that the future state is improvements and upgrades to the headworks grid, screening, aeration blowers and all of the associated controls. Mr. Mesenbrink also stated that City Manager D.E. Sosa has done a great job at looking at creative ways that this project can be paid for which are grants, rebates, cost credits and minimal to no rate increases for the citizens. Ryan Wunder from Schneider Electric then spoke to Council about the four scope items and how they affect the plant. Craig Mesenbrink then discussed the cost of the project once Mr. Wunder finished explaining the scope items. Mr. Mesenbrink stated that this project would come in at \$10,988,000. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked if the scopes could be done individually or do they all have to be completed together and Mr. Mesenbrink

stated that they would have to be done at the same time. Councilmember Paul Oliver asked how many years would this project be paid over and Mr. Mesenbrink stated this is for a 20-year payoff. City Manager D.E. Sosa then asked Mr. Mesenbrink to explain the 3rd party engineering review and he explained that part of the Texas Legislation for Performance Contracting is when we say there is going to be \$97,000 of Entergy saved then there would a guarantee put behind it that which is also backed up by a 3rd party. There were no further questions. No motion was needed for this item.

CONSIDER SETTING A DATE AND TIME FOR A WORK SESSION TO DISCUSS CITY FINANCES AND FUND BALANCES: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider setting a date and time for a Work Session to discuss City Finances and Fund Balances and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. Council agreed upon November 2, 2022 at 5 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS FUTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSING STREETS FOR EVENTS: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that he talked to our City Underwriter who is Michael Kirkendall and I asked him what kind of liability the City would have if we do close the streets for an event that we do not sponsor. Mr. Kirkendall stated that as long as it's on a City Street and has face painting, vendors and things of that nature then we are covered. City Manger D.E. Sosa stated that the recommendation for insurance is when we start bringing in rides, having a parade, and bounce houses things of that nature. Councilmember Paul Oliver then stated his biggest concerns are having the bounce houses and providing port a potties for the events. Mayor Borne then stated that he agrees with Councilmember Oliver that all financial responsibilities should be taken from the City for non-City sponsored events. Mayor Borne also stated that whoever is putting on the event should be responsible for their own sanitation and security. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then stated that there are certain rules and regulations that citizens need to follow in regards to putting items on the agendas. The most important would be a request in writing along with details of said event. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas also asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk if he would be able to put something together and give us his legal opinion on this. There was no further discussion on this topic.

REVIEW AND FINALIZE THE REVISED ORDINANCE FOR THE OPERATION OF FOOD TRUCKS IN THE CITY: City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that in his opinion we would need a public workshop for the Zoning Board of Adjustment to have some consideration with how this would work for the rest of our zoning ordinances.

Mr. Monk stated that he would get with Building Official Don Pedraza to set this up. There was no further discussion on this item.

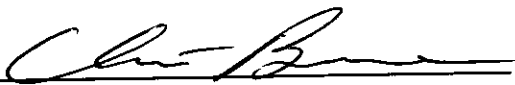
INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$404,616.59 as follows:

Cypress Bayou	2 Clarifier Scumbox Drain Arms & install.	6,533.13
Fuelman	Gas and Diesel fuel for September 2022.	23,756.74
Industrial Safety Training	Employee Handbook preparation and training.	5,500.00
Moody Brothers	CL2 and SO2.	7,730.00
Republic Services	Sludge Disposal.	6,911.55
Republic Services	Peace and Dignity Program: 5300 Gulf, 4817 Harrison, 5000 Lawndale, 3328 Pure Atlantic, 5600 39 th , 6528 Washington, 6040 Monroe, 4970 Wilson, 6487 39 th , 6398 Monroe, 3817 Milo, Indian Springs, 4401 Lincoln, 5010 Simpson, 7234 Terrell, 6317 Val, 4260 Wilson, 5905 25 th , 6919 39 th , 5905 25 th .	18,000.28
Smart's Truck & Trailer Equipment	Solid Waste Truck repair.	13,362.89
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Texas Municipal League	Worker's Comp & Insurance.	295,940.50
Triangle Equipment	Wash Rack maintenance & Repair.	13,226.00

Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$404,616.59 and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked if the addresses listed under Republic Services was for demolitions and City

Manager D. E. Sosa stated that six of them were for demos, some were for clean ups and the peace and dignity program. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Mark McAdams asked City Manager D.E. Sosa for an update on Kent Street and Mr. Sosa stated that LD Construction is currently working on Bay, Allison and Woodlawn. Mr. Sosa then stated that as soon as LD Construction is done with those three streets then they will be going straight to Kent. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that the Pecan Festival was really nice this year. There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk