

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held April 10, 2023 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Rob Vensel and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Representatives from the local VFW led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2023 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2023 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that the minutes were received and all of Council has a copy.

PRESENTATION OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE 2023 PAGEANT OF GIVING HEARTS COURT: Mayor Borne presented a proclamation recognizing the 2023 Pageant of Giving Hearts Court. Mayor Borne then congratulated all of the Court winners.

Mayor Borne then called for reports and he introduced the new Executive Director of the Groves Chamber of Commerce Letha Knaus. Mrs. Knaus stated that she is super honored to be in this position and is looking forward to working with Council.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO CLOSE LINCOLN AVENUE FROM CAPITOL TO JEFFERSON FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023 FOR A COMMUNITY EVENT AND ALSO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO HAVE FOOD TRUCKS PRESENT: Councilmember Vensel made a motion to consider approval of a request to close Lincoln Avenue from Capitol to Jefferson from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2023 for a Community Event and also consider request for approval to have food trucks present and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Juanita Dixon from Little Mommy's Boutique on Lincoln Avenue then introduced herself to Council and also introduced Yolani Illa who is their event coordinator. Mrs. Dixon stated that they looked over the application from Council for the road closure and they were able to get bids for Port a Potties and Event Insurance for that day. Mrs. Dixon also stated that all of the businesses in that area have been notified with letters.

Councilmember Dugas asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk about the insurance and he stated that they have to sign the application which indemnifies the City and the insurance policy must list the City of Groves as an additional insured. Councilmember Dugas then asked if Council could receive a copy of the letters sent to surrounding businesses and citizens along with proof of paid insurance and Port a Potties. There were no further questions and motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER SETTING A DATE FOR A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR GAMING MACHINES AND GAME ROOMS AT 5130 TWIN CITY HIGHWAY: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to consider setting a date for a Joint Public Hearing on a request for a Specific Use Permit for Gaming Machines and Game Rooms at 5130 Twin City Highway and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Councilmember Dugas then amended her previous motion to include the date as May 8, 2023 immediately following the 5 p.m. City Council Meeting and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux presented invoices for payment totaling \$254,324.71 as follows:

Burton Accounting, P.L.L.C.	Internal Auditor.	16,950.00
City of Port Arthur	Landfill fees. (2/27/23 – 3/24/23).	17,755.00
City of Port Neches	Mid County Radio Maintenance.	13,598.50
Core & Main, LP	Registers for water meters.	135,051.85
Jefferson County Appraisal District	Second Quarter Payment.	16,699.68
Otto Environmental Systems	Garbage cans for new homes, current homes adding additional cans and replacement of broken cans.	34,269.68
Wathen, DeShong & Juncker, L.L.P.	FYE 2022 Audit.	20,000.00

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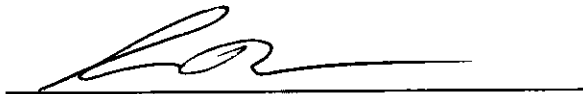
Councilmember Dugas moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$254,324.71 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked Finance Director Lamar Ozley to explain about the internal auditor and Mr. Ozley stated that every year an internal auditor helps prepare the City for the external audit. There were no further questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Dugas stated that she would like to put on the next agenda a line item to discuss the application for Game Rooms. There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk