

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held May 8, 2023 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Paul Oliver, Councilmember Rob Vensel, and Councilmember Rhonda Dugas in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember Dugas then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023 City Council meeting as written and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2023 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: Councilmember Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2023 Joint Public Hearing meeting as written and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2023 AND MAY 1, 2023 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETINGS: Mayor Borne stated that all of Council has received the minutes from the April 24, 2023 and May 1, 2023 Planning and Zoning Meetings.

Mayor Borne then asked Interim City Manager Lance Billeaud if there are any reports and Mr. Billeaud stated that we have one report. Mr. Billeaud stated that on May 1, 2023 he received a letter from John Hatch resigning from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Billeaud wanted Council to know so that they are able to look for a replacement. There were no further reports.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER SETTING A DATE FOR A WORKSHOP WITH BRETT SMITH TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TAX ABATEMENT ON PROPERTY HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF PURCHASING: Councilmember Vensel made a motion to consider setting a date for a Workshop with Brett Smith to discuss possible Tax Abatement on property he is in the process of purchasing and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Councilmembers and Mr. Smith all agreed on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 for the Workshop. Councilmember Rob Vensel amended his motion to include May 23, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REZONING REQUEST FOR LUIS ESPINOZA FOR 5589 GULFWAY DRIVE, TRACT 19-A 1.430 (CALLED 1.4302) ACRES OF LAND, REPLAT OF ALL OF LOT 19 & PART OF LOTS 18 & 20 ORANGE ACRES ADDITION: Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams made a motion to consider approval of a rezoning request for Luis Espinoza for 5589 Gulfway Drive, TRACT 19-A 1.430 (CALLED 1.4302) Acres of land, replat of all of lot 19 & part of lots 18 & 20 Orange Acres Addition and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved this request unanimously. There were no questions from Council and motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REPLAT OF OMAR CORRILLO & DELORES CORRILLO PROPERTY AT 6545 39TH STREET INTO TWO SEPARATE PARCELS OF LAND, TRACT 5-A AND TRACT 6-A A0.641 ACRE REPLAT OF LOT 5 AND LOT 6, BLOCK 31 OF GROVES: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to consider approval of a replat of Omar Corrillo & Delores Corrillo property at 6545 39th Street into two separate parcels of land, TRACT 5-A and TRACT 6-A A0.641 acre replat of Lot 5 and Lot 6, Block 31 of Groves. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne stated that Planning and Zoning had met and approved this request. Mayor Borne then asked Building Official Don Pedraza if he has any concerns for this request and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPT BID FOR REPAIR OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE AROUND THE NEW FIRE STATION, FROM THE LOWEST BIDDER OF SOUTH HOUSTON ASPHALT & CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$441,210.00: Councilmember Vensel made a motion to accept bid for repair of roads and drainage around the New Fire Station, from the lowest bidder of South Houston Asphalt & Concrete in the amount of \$441,210.00 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Councilmember Vensel asked Interim City Manager Lance Billeaud how many bids we received and he stated that we received two bids. Councilmember Dugas stated that there is a big difference in the prices and was curious if we have ever worked with South Houston Asphalt & Concrete before and Jeremy Mitchell from Soutex stated that he has worked with this company before in Nederland but they have not done any work in Groves. Mr. Mitchell then stated that he did not have any problems with them while working in Nederland. Mayor Borne asked if they gave a completion time and Mr. Mitchell stated that it is 75 days total. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER CANCELING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 3, 2023 DUE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to consider canceling the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of July 3, 2023 due to the observance of Independence Day and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to cancel the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting of July 3, 2023 due to the observance of Independence Day and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER GUIDELINES FOR POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE GAME ROOM FEES AND ORDINANCE: This item is for discussion only and does not need a motion. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then went over his proposed guidelines for potential amendments for the Game Room Ordinance. See attached. Mr. Monk stated you can't really ban them because they are permitted by the legislature but you can look at what they cost the City in terms of a license fee. Councilmember Dugas and Mr. Monk stated that the fees should be the main focus now. Mayor Borne asked Mr. Billeaud if we can find out what the costs are to the City by departments. There was no further discussion.

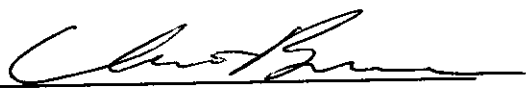
INVOICES: Interim City Manager Lance Billeaud presented invoices for payment totaling \$40,435.33 as follows:

Core & Main L.P.	4 Fire Hydrants.	14,181.36
DXI Industries, Inc.	Chlorine for Water Plant.	6,861.60
Heil of Texas	Parts to repair Solid Waste Trucks.	5,863.04
Republic Services	Commercial dumpster collection for April 2023.	6,031.86
Slavin Management Consultants	Invoice #1 of 4 for Executive Recruitment Services.	7,497.47

Mayor Pro Tem McAdams moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$40,435.33 and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments. Councilmember Dugas asked about the Fire Hydrants and Mr. Billeaud stated that we only replace them as needed. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

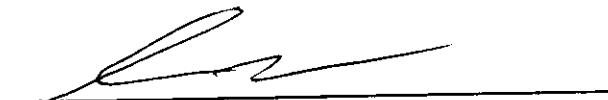
Mayor Borne asked for Council comments and Councilmember Dugas asked about the stores that have the gaming machines have been notified of the new ordinance and City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux stated that they have all been informed of the new steps. Councilmember Dugas then stated that she would like the mural on the outside of the Activity Building to be put on the next agenda for discussion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk