

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held July 15, 2024, in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Paul Oliver, Councilmember Pete Konidis, and Councilmember Rhonda Dugas in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. A representative from VFW 4820 then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Oliver moved to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2024, 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.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 8, 2024, PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that all of Council has received the minutes from the July 8, 2024, Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Mayor Borne then asked for reports and Mr. Ken Lofton from VFW 4820 gave a report on where VFW 4820 ended up on the year regarding community service. Mr. Lofton stated that last year they completed \$187,522 worth of community service and this year they completed \$196,000. Mr. Lofton also said that the goal is to increase by 2% each year. Mr. Lofton then informed Council that last year VFW 4820 interacted with the Civil Air Patrol, Eagle Scouts, Catholic Bible School, and made assisted living visits. Mr. Lofton also stated that when Veterans come to them for help they will trim trees, change light bulbs, or whatever else they need help with. Mr. Lofton also informed Council about the scholars' app and stand downs with Veteran's for Veteran's. There were no further reports.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A REPLAT OF 6265 WASHINGTON BLVD, AKA TRACT 9-A AND 9-B, 0.3328 ACRE OF LAND REPLAT ALL OF LT 9, BLOCK 19, THE GROVES, PECAN SUB-DIVISION: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of a replat of 6265 Washington Blvd, AKA tract 9-A and 9-B, 0.3328 acre of land replat all of Lt 9, Block 19, The Groves, Pecan Sub-Division. Councilmember Konidis seconded. Building Official Don Pedraza stated that they are separating it into two lots instead of one. Councilmember Konidis informed Council that the two addresses will now be 6265 Washington and 6250 Capitol. Councilmember Konidis stated that he attended the Planning and Zoning meeting on July 8, 2024, and it appears that Mr. Robinson is in compliance with all

city ordinances and regulations. Mr. Pedraza stated that the new address on Capitol has both water and sewer. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-06, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING CHAPTER 7, "DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN" IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN WHICH PROVIDES FOR CONTROLLING WATER USAGE DURING EMERGENCIES DEFINES AND AUTHORIZES PROHIBITION OF WATER WASTE AND OUTDOOR WATER USAGE: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to approve ordinance 2024-06 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk informed Council that it is a standard requirement to update the plan at least every 5 years and this year the plan was done by Soutex. Mr. Monk also informed Council that this is a state requirement. Councilmember Konidis asked for confirmation that this plan would be put into effect if there was a drought and City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that was correct. Councilmember Dugas then asked if this plan was put into action for the drought of 2010/2011, the freeze of 2021, and drought of 2022/2023. Mr. Gary Graham from Soutex stated that to the best of his knowledge the Drought Contingency Plan was not put into action during those times. Mr. Graham also stated that the only time the plan would be implemented is if The Lower Neches Valley Authority told the City that they needed to execute this plan. Councilmember Dugas then asked if the designee mentioned on page 39 would be the City Manager and Mr. Graham stated it should be. Mayor Borne asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk if he needed to read the caption and Mr. Monk stated he did not. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-10, AMENDING ARTICLE II. – INSANITARY, UNSIGHTLY, ETC., CONDITIONS OF PRIVATE PREMISES SEC. 13-13. – SAME- GROWTH OR ACCUMULATION OF WEEDS, FALLEN TREES AND/OR TREE LIMBS, RUBBISH, ETC. OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act to approve ordinance 2024-10 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked if we are updating this ordinance due to complaints and City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that the issue here is to have more clarity for ensuring that citizens understand it includes the entire lot including easements and right of ways. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-11 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH OTHER ENTERGY SERVICE AREA CITIES IN MATTERS CONCERNING ENTERGY AT THE PUC AND THE HIRING OF LAWYERS AND RATE EXPERTS: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made motion to deliberate and act on ordinance 2024-11 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk if this is something we do every year and Mr. Monk stated that this is a yearly event to make sure that we can participate with rate council to negotiate the rates with Entergy. Mr. Monk also informed Council that Entergy pays the expense of this. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2024-13, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REPEALING ARTICLE VII. "WATER CONSERVATION", OF CHAPTER 27 "UTILITIES", ARTICLE VII, - WATER CONSERVATION AND ENACTING IN ITS PLACE AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REVISED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN WHICH PROVIDES FOR AVAILABILITY OF PLAN FOR INSPECTION: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act to approve ordinance 2024-13 and Councilmember Konidis seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux presented invoices for payment totaling \$48,087.01 as follows:

1. City of Port Arthur	Landfill sludge disposal May 2024 and June 2024.	\$10,660.00
2. Fuelman	Gas and diesel June 2024.	\$18,799.53
3. Reliable Transmission Service – Texas LLC	Replace transmission on Ford F750 Public Works Truck.	\$10,577.48
4. Zone Industries	New pump with eradicator for Public Works Dump Station.	\$8,050.00

Councilmember Dugas made a motion to approve the invoice list for July 15, 2024 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Councilmember Konidis asked if the transmission replacement was an emergency situation and Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated it was. Councilmember Konidis then asked about the pump

and Mr. Foxworth stated that was for the backup pump at the septic receiving station. Mayor Borne asked if we installed the transmission and Mr. Foxworth stated that Reliable Transmission Service installed it. Councilmember Oliver then asked if it was a rebuilt transmission and Mr. Foxworth stated it is a new transmission. There was no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Council comments and Councilmember Dugas stated that she was able to go to the grand opening at Doxie Coffee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

