

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held August 12, 2024, in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Paul Oliver, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas and Councilmember Pete Konidis in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and news media. Mayor Borne then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and there were none.

Mayor Borne then asked for citizen comments and Brandon Holmes of 4033 Redwood Street asked if there were still questions regarding the FY 2024-2025 Proposed Budget how would he go about asking those questions. Mayor Borne stated that he can email the City Manager. Mr. Holmes also asked about the meeting minutes and City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux stated that they are available on the City Website. There were no other citizen comments.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2024, City Council Meeting and Councilmember Oliver seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 31, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING: Councilmember Oliver made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2024, Special Meeting and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE HEALTH, DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE FOR OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act to approve health, dental and vision insurance for October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. Councilmember Konidis seconded. HR Director Stephanie Gaspard informed Council that the City is requesting that Council approves the Blue Cross Blue Shield, Base Option 1 and Buyup Option 1 Medical Plan. Mrs. Gaspard stated that we did move to a plan with a higher deductible however that does save the employees \$30 a month. Mayor Borne asked how many companies submitted bids and Mrs. Gaspard stated 4 including Blue Cross. Mrs. Gaspard stated that we were also able to keep the no charge for labs and x-rays. Mayor Borne asked Finance Director Lamar Ozley if this fits in what we have with the Proposed Budget and Mr. Ozley stated that it is less than what the budgeted amount was. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2024-14 CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2, COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4, AND CITY MARSHAL: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of Ordinance 2024-14 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

NOTICE OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5, 2024, IN THE CITY OF GROVES: No motion is required for this item. Mayor Borne then read the Notice of the General Election to be held November 5, 2024 in the City of Groves.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH JEFFERSON COUNTY AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of a Joint Election Agreement with Jefferson County and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents. Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne then read the cost of our last election was \$18,433.62 and the 2024 Budget allocated \$30,000 for Elections. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Oliver reiterated that we budget the \$30,000 in case we end up having a run off.

INVOICES: City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux presented invoices for payment totaling \$16,507.80 as follows:

1. PVS DX, INC	Chlorine for Water Plant.	\$6,861.60
2. PVS DX, INC	CL2 and SO2 for Wastewater Plant.	\$9,646.20

Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act on the invoice list for August 12, 2024 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Council comments and there were none.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

