

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held March 11, 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. Representatives from the local VFW then led the prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 26, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Dugas moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024, City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 4, 2024 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that all of Council has received a copy of the March 4, 2024 Planning and Zoning Meeting.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and Mr. Ken Lofton from the local VFW 4820 gave a report on the National Vietnam Wars Veterans Day which is observed annually on March 29th in the United States. Mr. Lofton then informed Council that on this day we recognize the Veterans who served in the United States Military during the Vietnam War. Mr. Lofton then introduced all of the Vietnam Veterans in attendance and they each received a pin that was handed out by Mayor Borne. Mayor Borne then thanked all of the Vietnam Veterans for their service on behalf of all City Council.

Mayor Borne then asked for citizen comments and there were none.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CLOSURE OF LINCOLN AVE. FROM CAPITOL TO COOLIDGE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH FROM 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M. FOR A PALLET IN THE PARK EVENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act to authorize the closure of Lincoln Ave. from Capitol to Coolidge on Saturday, April 13th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a pallet in the park event. Councilmember Konidis seconded. Emily Daniel from Stacked Cake and Confection Company located on Lincoln Avenue then addressed Council to discuss this event. Mrs. Daniel stated that she would like to make this a yearly event and this year it will be held on April 13th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Celebration Park. Mrs. Daniel stated that they will not charge a vendor fee nor will there be a fee to attend. The craft vendors will be set up on the sidewalks and all of the art vendors will be set up inside the park. The craft vendors will be required to have their own insurance. The art vendors, park, and visitors will be covered through the Groves Chamber of Commerce insurance. Mrs. Daniel also stated that there will be a local music artist

by the name of Breylon Cropper that will be playing under the gazebo. Mrs. Daniel informed Council that they have decided on not closing the street. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams then asked City Attorney Brandon P. Monk if the vendors insurance needs to list the City of Groves as an additional temporary insured on their policy and Mr. Monk stated yes. Councilmember Dugas asked Mrs. Daniel to make sure to email all of the vendor insurance information to the City Manager Kevin Carruth. Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams amended his previous motion adding to not close the street. Councilmember Konidis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO RATIFY THE PURCHASE OF A FORD F-150 FOR THE GROVES POLICE DEPARTMENT: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to ratify the purchase of a Ford F-150 for the Groves Police Department and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Councilmember Konidis asked if this purchase is from a previous budget and Interim City Marshal Chris Robin stated it is from the 2022-2023 budget. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams asked if this will take place of one of the Ford Explorers that were approved during that budget and Interim Marshal Robin stated that is correct. Mayor Borne then stated that this purchase will satisfy the two vehicles that were approved for purchase in the 2022-2023 budget and still come in under budget and Marshal Robin stated that is correct by \$10,139.85. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

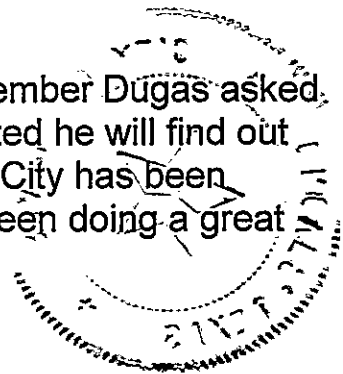
DELIBERATE AND ACT TO EXTEND THE DEPOSITORY SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE CITY DEPOSITORY, FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act to extend the depository services contract with the City Depository, First Financial Bank, and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents and Councilmember Oliver seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth informed Council that it is the end of the third year of the depository agreement that we have with First Financial Bank and we have two one-year options. Mr. Carruth stated that last time we went out for an RFP, First Financial was the only one that responded. Mr. Carruth stated that this would be for a two-year extension. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling 43,492.29 as follows:

1. Brenntag Southwest, INC	Sodium Hydroxide used for PH adjustment.	\$9,310.08
2. Core & Main L.P.	6" Meter for Gulfway RV Park.	\$6,195.34
3. Gulf Coast Materials- Texas Materials	HP cold mix asphalt patch.	\$6,036.12
4. Mastercard Gold	Training classes for firefighters, CPR training for City Employees, Office supplies, and postage.	\$5,658.35
5. PVS DX, INC.	CL ² and SO ² for Wastewater Plant.	\$9,430.80
6. PVS DX, INC.	Chlorine for Water Plant.	\$6,861.60

Mayor Pro Tem McAdams moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$43,492.29 and Councilmember Konidis seconded. Mayor Borne asked if we will be getting anymore asphalt and Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated we have one load on order and will order more if the budget allows. Mr. Foxworth then informed Council that the price of the asphalt has increased due to Gulf Coast Materials being the only company that offers it in our area. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember Comments and Councilmember Dugas asked if anyone knows when the Easter Egg Hunt is and Mr. Carruth stated he will find out and let Council know. Councilmember Dugas also stated that the City has been digging ditches by some of her neighbors houses and they have been doing a great job at it. There were no further comments.



Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

