

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held June 3, 2024 directly following the public hearing at 5:00 p.m. in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Paul Oliver and Councilmember Pete Konidis in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams was not present. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and then a representative of the local VFW 4820 led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Oliver moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Konidis seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously with Mayor Borne, Councilmember Konidis, and Councilmember Oliver in favor of approving the minutes as written. Councilmember Dugas voted against the motion.

Mayor Borne asked for reports and City Manager Kevin Carruth stated that the summer program for the library has started and he encourages everyone to look at the website to see what all is going on. Mr. Carruth also stated that they have programs for kids and adults.

Mr. Ken Lofton from the local VFW 4820 then gave a report on D-Day which is observed on June 6th. There were invasions on five beaches in one day with 156,000 allied soldiers landing on those beaches. There were more than 4,000 allied soldiers that died that day by German Soldiers.

Mayor Borne then asked if there were any citizen comments and there were none.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO ACCEPT ONE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR DEBRIS MONITORING AND DISASTER-RELATED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PRODUCTS, EQUIPMENT, AND SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to accept one request for proposal for debris monitoring and disaster-related emergency response products, equipment, and services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents. Councilmember Dugas seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth addressed Council with information regarding this item and the following item. Mr. Carruth informed Council that since 2006 all of the mid-cities have cooperated in debris monitoring and debris removal. The City of Port Neches issued an RFP for those joint services then a review committee from all three cities met and reviewed the six respondents. All six firms were interviewed in person or by video conference. The committee is recommending DebrisTech for the debris monitoring. This would be for an initial 2-year term with the option for an additional 3 years

starting July 1, 2024. Mr. Carruth also stated that if we ever have to call these companies it is reimbursable through FEMA. Mr. Carruth then informed Council that the reason we want to have a firm like this is because they are experts on the paperwork and they send someone out with each collection crew. Mr. Carruth then stated that this is not something we can do in-house. Councilmember Dugas asked if debris means trees and limbs but Fire Chief Lance Billeaud stated it depends on the damage. Mr. Billeaud then stated that it could include any debris from houses also. Councilmember Oliver asked if you have one company that does the pick up and another company that does the monitoring and Mr. Billeaud stated that is correct. City Manager Kevin Carruth then informed Council that on the debris pickup side of it FEMA requires us to pick two companies which is the next agenda item.

Councilmember Konidis asked if there are repercussions if they bail on us and Chief Billeaud stated that he does not know of any, DebrisTech will stay but they can't control what the sub-contractors will do. There were no further questions. Councilmember Konidis amended his previous motion to accept one request from DebrisTech for debris monitoring and disaster-related emergency response products, equipment, and services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute necessary documents. Councilmember Dugas seconded. There were no further contracts and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO ACCEPT TWO REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to accept two requests for proposals for debris removal services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents. Councilmember Oliver seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth informed Council that we received five respondents and are recommending Ceres and Crowder Gulf. Councilmember Dugas asked what stood out about those companies and Mr. Carruth stated that Crowder Gulf pay their subcontractors up front and do not make them wait for the payment from FEMA. Fire Chief Billeaud also stated that Ceres has the biggest equipment list and a big contractors list as well. There were no further questions. Councilmember Konidis amended his previous motion to accept the two requests for proposals from Crowder Gulf and Ceres debris removal services and authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute all necessary documents. Councilmember Oliver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.


INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling \$335,886.21 as follows:

1. Chameleon Industries	Polymer for Water Plant.	\$31,023.20
2. City of Port Arthur	Landfill Fees 3/26/24 – 4/25/24.	\$18,875.00
3. Core & Main L.P.	Water meter registers.	\$206,280.00
4. Delta Industrial Service and Supply	Bunker Gear, 4 sets.	\$11,427.00
5. Leavins Engineering & Design	WWTP permit renewal and engineering for street improvements.	\$5,000.00
6. Republic Services	Commercial dumpster service April 2024.	\$6,050.86
7. Silsbee Ford	New Police Truck.	\$57,230.15

Councilmember Rhonda Dugas moved to approve payment of the invoices for June 3, 2024 totaling \$335,886.21 and Councilmember Konidis seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions. Councilmember Konidis asked how many water meters were delivered and it was 1,146 meters. Finance Director Lamar Ozley then informed Council that the cost of \$180 per meter was a discounted price for turning in the old meters. There were no other questions and motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne then asked for Councilmember Comments and Councilmember Dugas stated that she went across the street and talked to the production team making the short movie in Groves. If they win then they will be given 1 million dollars to make a movie in Groves. Mayor Borne then expressed his prayers for Mr. Wayne from VFW 4820 and his family regarding a boating accident they were in. There were no other Council comments.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

