

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held July 14, 2025, in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Pete Konidis, Councilmember Mark McAdams, Councilmember Brandon Holmes, and Councilmember Rae Shauna Gay in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and welcomed the attendees. Representatives from the local VFW Post 4820 then led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Borne called for reports, and Mr. Ken Loftin of VFW 4820 gave a report on the Texas flooding and the Korean War. Mr. Loftin stated that the VFW is collecting relief items throughout the entire district, and the hub will be located at VFW Post 1806 in Beaumont. Mr. Loftin asked that if donors want to take donations directly to the Beaumont Post, please tell the Beaumont Post that the donation is on behalf of Post 4820 so that our post gets credit for the donation. VFW Post 4820 will be donating \$500 to this effort, as well as the physical items they can collect. The next report from Mr. Loftin concerned the Korean Armistice Agreement, signed on July 27, 1953, during the Korean War, which brought an end to the three-year conflict. 5.8 million served during this war, and 36,000 people were killed, with 126,000 wounded. Mr. Loftin also stated that our nation's Capital has a granite wall that is known as the Korean War Veterans Memorial, etched with the words "Freedom is not free."

There were no further reports.

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

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 23, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2025, City Council Meeting, and Councilmember Gay seconded. There were no questions, and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON RESOLUTION 2025-07, ADOPTING PROCUREMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN 2CFR 200.317 – 2CFR 200.327 AND APPENDIX II, TO SUPPLEMENT THE CITY OF GROVES PURCHASING POLICY:

Councilmember McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act on Resolution 2025-07, and Mayor Pro Tem Konidis seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth stated that this resolution is necessary so that the City can accept federal grants, as federal procurement regulations require. Mr. Carruth stated that we do not have to do this, but if we want to accept the money from the federal government, then we must comply with their policies. Mayor Borne asked if this was a change in their procedures that required this, and Mr. Carruth stated, "No, we just hadn't adopted it in the past." Councilmember Holmes asked if these changes would require any outside

assistance beyond what we usually need for procurement purposes, and Mr. Carruth stated that for the Federal grants we have, we are using a grant consultant, and then the consultant will do the paperwork, end of it, but in terms of our internal purchasing processes, we do not need additional assistance with that. There were no further questions, and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON THE JULY 14, 2025, INVOICE LIST: Councilmember Gay made a motion to deliberate and act on the July 14, 2025, Invoice List, and Councilmember Holmes seconded.

INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling \$232,625.46 as follows:

1. Citibank	Purchasing cards payment for 5/30/25-6/3/25.	\$13,583.39
2. City of Port Arthur	Landfill sludge disposal June 2025.	\$5,525.00
3. Coburn Supply Co.	Push camera.	\$7,020.00
4. GFL Environmental	Sludge dewatering for digesters with belt press.	\$93,403.57
5. Jefferson County Appraisal District	3 rd Quarter payment.	\$18,867.92
6. Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchased.	\$27,600.00
7. Moody Bros., Inc.	Wizard 4000 digital weight indicator.	\$7,315.00
8. PVS DX, INC	CL2 and SO2 for Waste Water Plant.	\$9,646.20
9. Texas Emergency Management Solutions LLC	Accessory installation for 2 patrol vehicles.	\$5,500.00

10. Texas Regional Title	Title searches for C.O.D.E.S. Hearings.	\$9,000.00
11. Texas Pack & Load	Wire harness replacement in garbage truck.	\$6,226.35
12. T.R.E.S.	High service pump #1 rebuild.	\$5,500.00
13. T.R.E.S.	High service pump #2 replacement motor.	\$9,097.92
14. Wex Bank	Fuel for all vehicle for June 2025.	\$14,340.11

Mayor Borne asked for questions, and Councilmember Holmes inquired whether the high service pump is for the Wastewater Plant. Public Works Director Troy Foxworth confirmed that it's for the Water Plant. Mayor Pro Tem Konidis inquired whether the push camera was a budgeted item, and Assistant Public Works Director Glen Boudoin confirmed that it was not. Still, they had found an excellent deal on one, as the current camera was giving them numerous problems. Mr. Boudoin also stated that they were able to get a locating wand for free. Mayor Pro Tem Konidis inquired whether we could conduct our own title searches online, and City Manager Kevin Carruth stated that we cannot, as we need to ensure that all potential interests in the demolition properties are notified. Mr. Carruth also reminded the Council that the first \$100,000 of the demolition project would be paid with ARPA Funds. Mayor Borne inquired whether any of the repairs to the sewer plant would help alleviate the dewatering and sludge costs, and Mr. Foxworth stated that those would always be necessary. Mr. Carruth then said that they are about to change vendors for the hauling, and that will save about \$700-\$800 a month. Mayor Borne asked if the fuel charge included diesel as well, and Mr. Carruth stated that it did. There were no further questions, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

A. SECTION 551.072 – DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY.

Council convened into executive session at 5:15 p.m.

Council reconvened into open session at 5:38 p.m.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments, and there were none.

There was no further business, and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:38 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

