

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held on February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Pro Tem Rae Shauna Gay, Councilmember Mark McAdams, Councilmember Brandon Holmes, and Councilmember Charles Chelette in attendance. Mayor Chris Borne was not in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Gay called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Councilmember McAdams then led the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Gay called for reports, and City Manager Kevin Carruth said that about an hour ago, he received a news release from TxDOT saying that the Rainbow Bridge project is six months ahead of schedule and should be opened and completed by the end of March. The second report Mr. Carruth had was regarding our first Block Walk on Saturday. Marshal Robin will give a more complete report at the next Council meeting, but it went really well: we covered 111 houses and made contact with about 40% of them. There were no more reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Gay asked for citizen comments, and there were none.

**DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2026, CITY COUNCIL MEETING:** Councilmember McAdams moved to deliberate and act on the minutes of the February 9, 2026, City Council meeting as written, and Councilmember Chelette seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Gay asked for questions or comments, and there were none. The motion passed unanimously.

**DELIBERATE AND ACT ON THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 12, 2026, PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING:** City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux stated that this will be just receiving the minutes and no motion is needed. Ms. Thibodeaux asked whether all Council members had received the minutes from the February 12, 2026, Planning and Zoning Meeting in their packets, and they had.

**PROCLAMATION FOR 2025 FIREMAN OF THE YEAR RYAN WILLIAMS:** Mayor Pro Tem Gay then read and presented the Proclamation for 2025 Fireman of the Year to Ryan Williams.

**DELIBERATE AND ACT ON A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FRONTLINE MOBILE HEALTH FOR CANCER SCREENING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL:** Councilmember Holmes made a motion to deliberate and act on a Professional Services Agreement with Frontline Mobile Health for cancer screening to Fire Department Personnel, and Councilmember Chelette seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Gay then stated that the City staff recommends that the Council table this item so staff have additional time for further negotiations.

Councilmember Holmes amended his previous motion to table this item so additional negotiations can be made, and Councilmember Chelette seconded. There was no further discussion, and the motion to table passed unanimously.

**DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A REPLAT OF 4000 HARRISON AVENUE, LEGAL DESCRIPTION TRACTS 1-A, 1-B, 2-A & 2-B, 0.8243 ACRES OF LAND, REPLAT PARTS OF LOTS 1, 2, & 3, BLOCK 32, "THE GROVES", PECAN GROVES SUBDIVISION, ALSO KNOWN AS JCAD PROPERTY ID 81970:**

Councilmember Chelette made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of a replat of 4000 Harrison Avenue, legal description TRACTS 1-A, 1-B, 2-A & 2-B, 0.8243 ACRES OF LAND, REPLAT PARTS OF LOTS 1, 2, & 3, BLOCK 32, "THE GROVES", PECAN GROVES SUBDIVISION, also known as JCAD property ID 81970. Councilmember McAdams seconded. Councilmember Chelette asked whether they are dividing this property into four parcels, and Planning and Zoning Chairman Craig Plokhooy confirmed that this is correct. Mr. Plokhooy also stated that all four lots meet the minimum required square footage and all other applicable ordinances. There is also water and wastewater available on both sides, so there will be no utility issues. Planning and Zoning recommends approval of this replat. There were no further questions, and the motion passed unanimously.

**DELIBERATE ON PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 UCR/NIBIRS REPORT:** Marshal Robin then addressed the Council regarding this report. We are required to report UCR data to the State monthly. Marshal Robin then stated that this specific uniform crime report data is established by a standard by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Public Safety in Texas. Marshal Robin then went over the crime statistics for the City of Groves for 2025, and overall crime rates remained stable, with minor variations in certain categories. Marshal Robin then stated that the Groves PD is dedicated to continuing to monitor crime trends both locally and regionally across the State of Texas and will adjust our strategies accordingly as needed. Recruitment and retention efforts are showing measurable progress, with the four officers in the current academy who expect to graduate in May leaving us with only one vacancy at this time. Marshal Robin then stated they have also secured several successful grants, including the Flock Safety Program. Councilmember Holmes asked Marshal Robin whether the Flock Safety equipment is primarily used for burglary, theft, and auto-related incidents, and Marshal Robin confirmed that this is correct. Councilmember Holmes then stated that those categories appear to be among the numbers that went up this past year. There were no further questions.

**DELIBERATE ON PRESENTATION OF THE 2025 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT:**  
Marshal Robin stated that this is required by the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement to every year prior to the first of March we publish this data provided to the State of Texas through the Texas Commission of Law Enforcement. One of their requirements is that it be presented to our local Council as well. This is primarily generated by our ticket writers using a software program called Brazos, which compiles all the data for entry into the TCOLE website. Texas Law also requires every law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy on racial profiling. Marshal Robin then covered the 2025 Racial Profiling Report for the Groves Police Department. Overall, the distribution of stops does not indicate any type of disproportionate concentration of enforcement actions against any single race or ethnicity. No racial profiling complaints were filed against the Groves PD in 2025. There was no further discussion.

**DELIBERATE AND ACT ON A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND GROVES PD REGARDING USE OF THE JCSO FIREARMS TRAINING RANGE:**  
Councilmember Chelette made a motion to deliberate and act on a Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Groves PD regarding use of the JCSO firearms training range. Councilmember McAdams seconded. Councilmember Chelette asked if we would have any dues for this, and Marshal Robin stated we would not. Something like this would allow us to coordinate with other agencies and work on interlocal training and interaction. Councilmember Chelette asked what the standard notice period is for setting up a training session, and Marshal Robin stated that it should be at least a few weeks in advance. Councilmember Chelette stated that this agreement would make us liable for any damage, and Marshal Robin agreed. Councilmember McAdams asked how many times a year they want to use this facility, and Marshal Robins stated that it is to be determined, but he hopes to use it several times. Councilmember Holmes asked whether the legal part of this Memorandum of Understanding has been reviewed, and Marshal Robin stated that he has not seen anything of concern, and that this is the same MOU used for all agencies that utilize this facility. There were no further questions, and the motion passed unanimously.

**DELIBERATE AND ACT ON THE FEBRUARY 23, 2026, INVOICE LIST:**  
Councilmember McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act on the February 23, 2026, Invoice List for a total of \$163,443.06, and Councilmember Chelette seconded.

INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling \$163,443.06 as follows:

1. A&A Radiator	Build and install radiator on North Plant Generator.	\$10,000.00
2. Beck	Replace pneumatic actuator with electric on filter #4.	\$12,668.75
3. CITI Bank	Purchasing cards payment.	\$13,452.00
4. City of Port Arthur	Garbage and trash collection January 2026.	\$23,290.00
5. Enterprise	Vehicle lease payment.	\$14,934.47
6. Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchased for January 2026.	\$30,951.28
7. PVS DX, INC	Chlorine for Water Plant.	\$6,861.60
8. Republic Services Inc.	Container service for December 2025.	\$10,292.93
9. Republic Services Inc.	Container service for January 2026.	\$10,145.70
10. Republic Services Inc.	Sludge disposal for January 2026.	\$8,479.69
11. SHI Government Solutions, Inc.	Zoom and Microsoft subscriptions.	\$7,576.64
12. Zone Ind.	Inplant lift station pump.	\$14,790.00

Mayor Pro Tem Gay asked for questions, and Councilmember Chelette asked about the actuators and whether we had just replaced some. Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated that we did, but this one came after those. There were no further questions, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Gay stated that there was an Executive Session item on the agenda, but the Council will not hold an Executive Session since there is nothing to discuss.

Mayor Pro Tem Gay asked for Council comments, and Councilmember McAdams stated that Mayor Pro Tem Gay did a great job at tonight's meeting. Councilmember McAdams also thanked Marshal Robin for all of the information he presented. Councilmember Holmes thanked Police, Fire, and EMS for their service and stated that he is thankful for being in a place where we can recognize those who have done their job, stayed with us, and served this community. Mayor Pro Tem Gay congratulated Fireman of the Year Ryan Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

  
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Mayor Borne

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

