

DISCUSS NOISE ORDINANCE AS IT PERTAINS TO CHURCH BELLS IN THE CITY OF GROVES: Charlie Jehlen of 2401 Friar Tuck addressed the Council and stated he was a member of the United Methodist Church. He stated that he was very grateful to the City and its dedication to the community in response to the recent complaint that was made against the church regarding the ringing of its bells. Mr. Patrick Reeves of 4320 Cleveland spoke and reported that he lives near the church. Mr. Reeves stated that he is not a bad person and that he had made the complaint regarding the church and explained that the volume of the bells had been turned down for a year until this past June. He asked that the City consider the neighbors in close proximity to the church. Mayor Bailey thanked both Mr. Jehlen and Mr. Reeves for their comments. Mr. Sosa stated that he and City Attorney James Black had discussed the City's noise ordinance and explained that it is hard to violate the noise ordinance during the day. The ordinance is working like it is supposed to. Mr. Sosa suggested that the Council study this issue and take the City Attorney's counsel. Councilmember Borne asked when the bells ring and was told that they ring at 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m., and that a rotating hymn is also played. Councilmember Theis stated that the 9:00 a.m. bell recently lasted 30 seconds. Mayor Bailey once again thanked Mr. Reeves for his comments.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR THE DONATION OF A 1987 PIERCE ARROW FIRE TRUCK TO LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AT THE LAMAR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REGIONAL FIRE ACADEMY: City Attorney James Black read the caption of proposed Resolution No. 2020-15 as follows: "A resolution of the City Council of the City of Groves, Texas, authorizing the donation of a 1987 Pierce Arrow Fire Truck to Lamar Institute of Technology for training purposes at the Lamar Institute of Technology Regional Fire Academy". Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-15, donating a 1987 Pierce Arrow Fire Truck to LIT and Councilmember Hollier seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion. Councilmember Borne asked Fire Chief Lance Billeaud if the truck to be donated had been in use. Chief Billeaud stated that the truck had been a reserve engine and that after 20 years, a fire truck is not supposed to be used. The donation would help LIT as well as other fire agencies in the area. Councilmember Borne asked if Groves will have another truck in reserve and Chief Billeaud responded that Groves has three other trucks in full use, with the oldest being Engine No. 36, which is a 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held October 26, 2020 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Brad Bailey, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Chris Borne, Councilmember Kyle Hollier, and Councilmember Karen Theis in attendance. Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order and Councilmember Hollier led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Theis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for citizen comments or reports. Jeremy Mitchell of Soutex Surveyors addressed the Council and gave a short overview of the street rehabilitation being done on Bay and Woodlawn, which consists of 800' of curb. He explained that the existing curbs were installed in the 1950's and are now failing. The designs are for concrete ribbons to repair the curbs. He stated that he had met with TXDOT to see what could be done to improve the drainage. A slope will be installed from Allison to Twin City Highway, which will direct the flow of drainage better. Two (2) drainage boxes will also be replaced. Mayor Bailey asked if TXDOT would take care of the outfalls and Mr. Mitchell responded that they would. Councilmember Hollier asked about the ribbon gutters and Mr. Mitchell explained that in order to save money back when they were installed (in the 1950's), the edge of the road was lined with a 1 ½" – 2" concrete ledge. He also stated that this project calls for a ribbon with a separate curb. Councilmember Hollier stated that he could not support a separate curb and gutter and Mayor Pro Tem Badon agreed. Councilmember Borne stated that bids should not be taken for separate curbs and gutters if they will not be accepted. Mayor Bailey suggested that the councilmembers speak with City Manager D.E. Sosa if there are any concerns over the way the project is bid. Councilmember Theis asked if there is a life difference between the two options and Mr. Mitchell stated that there is not. Councilmember Borne asked the profile height compared to the existing curb and Mr. Mitchell stated that it will be 6" wider with a 6" raised curb. Discussion followed regarding monolithic (one piece curbs) and separate curbs and gutters. Bids will be taken for both. Mr. Sosa reminded Mr. Mitchell that Kent Ave. is next on the list.

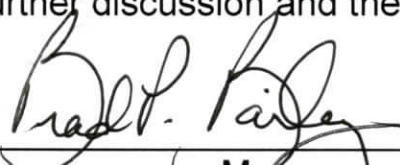
Mayor Bailey asked for citizen comments and Mr. Charlie Jehlen and Mr. Patrick Reeves both spoke regarding the United Methodist Church bells.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$370,993.10 as follows:

Brenntag	Polymer for water treatment (23,036.50; 6,245.20)	29,281.70
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for September 2020.	20,362.34
Silsbee Ford	Ford SUV patrol vehicle for Police Dept.	43,528.80
Texas Municipal	Liability, property, and auto insurance premiums (130,243.96); Workers Compensation plan year 2020-2021 (117,842.30).	248,086.26
Weisinger	New vertical turbine pump for Water Plant.	29,734.00


Councilmember Borne moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$370,993.10 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for discussion. Councilmember Theis asked if this was the fourth police vehicle and Mr. Sosa stated that it was the third out of four. Councilmember Theis asked if any of the vehicles were from last years budget and Mr. Sosa stated they were. Councilmember Borne asked if the turbine pump was a planned expenditure and Mr. Sosa stated that it was not planned, but that the City has a reserve account to cover these types of expenses. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Council comments. Councilmember Theis asked if the noise ordinance would be on a future agenda. Mr. Sosa stated that it would be up to the Council. Councilmember Borne asked if there was any way to get a decibel level reading and suggested getting a decibel meter from J&M Testing. There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk