

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held August 31, 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 welcomed the attendees. He then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Bailey asked for citizen comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO HAVE A VOTE ON THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF GROVES AT THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 AT 5:00 PM: Director of Finance Lamar Ozley stated that since the Public Hearing had been held, the Council would need to vote at the next City Council meeting and have a record vote on the tax rate. Councilmember Hollier moved for approval for the City Council to have a vote on the tax rate for the City of Groves at the City Council meeting of September 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded and Mayor Bailey asked for questions or discussion. Councilmember Theis asked if the Council normally had two public hearings. Mr. Ozley responded that per the new law the Council only has to have one public hearing. Councilmember Theis then asked if the Council would be voting on the budget at the next meeting. Mr. Ozley stated that they would. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

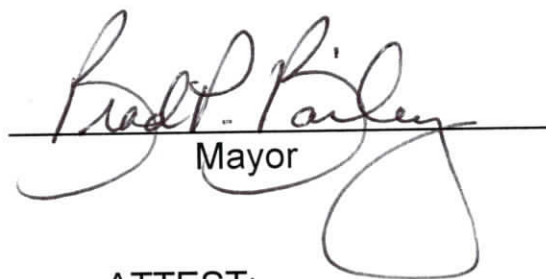
INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$30,024.86 as follows:

Buna Electric Motor	Taft Lift Station #5 pump rebuild.	15,773.00
Otto Environmental Systems	100 garbage cans @ 46.65 ea. (4,665); 100 replacement lids @ 17.50 ea. (1,750).	6,415.00
PEB Enterprises	Forcible entry door prop (Fire Dept.)	7,836.86

Councilmember Borne moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$30,024.86 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Mayor Bailey asked for questions and Councilmember Borne asked if the forcible entry door prop was a replacement or something new. Fire Chief Lance Billeaud stated that it is something new and that other area agencies can use it also. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bailey asked for Council comments. Mr. Sosa reported that since the electricity had been off in a large portion of the City, the September 4, 2020 debris deadline would be extended by one week (September 11, 2020). He stated that most of the debris is green waste. Councilmember Borne asked if a contractor or the City was picking up the debris. Mr. Sosa stated that the City was doing the pickup. Councilmember Borne asked if the extra debris was adding to the existing green waste problem and Mr. Sosa stated it was not and that the City was looking at purchasing a chipper. Mayor Bailey thanked the City workers and Chief Billeaud in dealing with Hurricane Laura along with the COVID pandemic. He also reported that 68 employees had stayed at the PNG High School during the hurricane and that the City's EOC had been used to house first responders. A chain saw team was put together with firefighters and public works employees working to clear the roads in the aftermath of the storm. Mayor Bailey asked the councilmembers to check their wards for white goods and to notify the City of their location.

There was no further discussion and Mayor Bailey adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

