

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held February 1, 2021 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Sidney Badon, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Mark McAdams and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and news media. The opening prayer and pledge of allegiance were led.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2021 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for reports or citizen comments and there were none.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021: Mayor Borne stated that the minutes would be received into the record. Minutes are as follows: "The City of Groves Planning and Zoning Commission met in the Public Works building, 4925 McKinley, on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the request for the property listed herein.

1. To consider the request from Ramsey Homes to subdivide properties described as Tract 6-A, 6-B, 6-C, and 6-D, 0.9985 acre of land replat of all of Lots 6, 7, and 8, Blk 22, The Groves.
2. To consider the request from Ceja Investments to subdivide property described as Tracts 58-A, 58-B, and 58-C, 0.8402 acre of land replat of all of lots 58 and 59, Garden Farms.

Members present were Rodney Pacetti, Craig Plokhooy, Chris Crain, Mike Presley, Rod Hatch, and Secretary to the Commission, Don Pedraza. Mr. Pedraza opened the meeting with roll call. Let the records indicate a quorum was met. Absent member: Gilbert Hernandez. Two new items for business.

Item of Business: 1. The commissioners reviewed Soutex Surveyors' site plan and asked Ramsey Homes representative what are the future plans for the lots. He said to construct single family homes. Mr. Pacetti asked for a motion: Mr. Presley motioned to approve replat as submitted. Mr. Crain seconded. All approved, motion carried. 2. The commissioners reviewed Soutex Surveyors' site plan and asked Ceja Investments representative what are the future plans for the lots. He said that he is not sure of the future plans. Mr. Pacetti asked for a motion. Mr. Presley motioned to approve replat as submitted. Mr. Pacetti seconded. All approved, motion carried. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned."

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AERIAL WAIVER AUTHORIZING THE JEFFERSON COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT TO FLY AT LOW ALTITUDES AS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES FOR THE CONTROL OF MOSQUITOS WITHIN THE GROVES CITY LIMITS: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the City grants the waiver with Jefferson County annually authorizing the application of pesticides for mosquito control in the City. Motion was made and seconded authorizing the aerial waiver for the Jefferson County Mosquito Control District. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REPLAT FOR PROPERTIES @ TR 58-A, 58-B, AND 58-C, 0.8402 ACRE OF LAND (REPLAT ALL OF LOTS 58 AND 59, GARDEN FARMS ADDITION- 6200 Mire and 6158 Mire): Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve the replat for Tract 58-A, 58-B, and 58-C of the Garden Farms Addition and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the requestor (Ceja Investments) or a representative was present, and they were not. Mayor Pro Tem Badon then remarked that the proposed lots are narrow and long. Building Official Don Pedraza stated that the owner of the property had initially mentioned building duplexes, but at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting he said that he did not know what he is going to build. Mayor Borne stated that the lots are 75' lots, but the requestor wants to replat them as 50' wide and 242.5' deep. John Brown of 6161 Mire voiced concerns about the drainage on the corner and Mayor Borne stated that this area is part of the upcoming drainage improvement project. Mr. Sosa stated that he would check into this. Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to table this item and reminded everyone that as long as the property is zoned correctly, the owner can build whatever is permissible in the current zoning. Mayor Borne explained that the City does not have jurisdiction to tell someone what they can build as long as it falls within City code. Mayor Pro Tem Badon remarked that the property is R-2 (residential allowing duplexes), and not R-1 (single family residential). Mr. Pedraza stated that the City is trying to do the best it can under the guidelines that were set years ago, before the current City Council and employees were here. Mr. Pedraza stated that City Attorney James Black is currently working to amend the zoning ordinance. Councilmember Dugas seconded the motion to table and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A REPLAT FOR PROPERTIES @ TR 6-A, 6-B, 6-C, AND 6-D, 0.9985 ACRE OF LAND (REPLAT OF ALL OF LOTS 6, 7, AND 8, BLK 22, THE GROVES ADDITION- 6545 Washington): Councilmember Dugas moved to approve the replat for Tract 6-A, 6-B, 6-C, and 6-D (Lots 6, 7, and 8, Blk 22) of The Groves Addition and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. The requestor, Mr. Ramsey of Ramsey Homes, stated that he planned to build 1,400 square foot homes. Mayor Borne stated that he was familiar with Ramsey houses and that they are well built and would be good for the City. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO APPLY TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE 2021 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Resolution No. 2021-02, reading the caption as follows: "A resolution of the City Council of the City of Groves, Texas, authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Office of the Governor, Homeland Security Division, for a FY2021 Governor's Homeland Security Grant Program Interoperable Communications Sustainability Project for the City of Groves Fire Department." Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-02, authorizing the Fire Chief to apply for a 2021 State Homeland Security Program Homeland Security Grant. Councilmember Dugas seconded and Mayor Borne asked for questions. Mayor Borne asked Chief Billeaud if this grant is for the same radios as the Police Department is applying for. Chief Billeaud stated that they are the same radios and that the old radios need to be replaced. This is a 100% grant, which will be at no cost to the City. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$35,052.47 as follows:

Industrial & Commercial Mechanical, LLC	Activity Building A/C- replacement of 30-ton condensing unit.	28,400.00
Republic Svc.	Sludge disposal (December 2020).	6,652.47

Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$35,052.47 and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for a report on Activity Building usage and Mr. Sosa stated that it had been closed

due to the pandemic, and that personnel had been reduced to one full time employee and part time employees. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Dugas wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

There being no further business, Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

