

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held May 10, 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 meeting opened with prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2021 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND THE APRIL 26, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Dugas moved to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Joint Public Hearing and the April 26, 2021 City Council meeting as written. Councilmember McAdams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Lance Billeaud gave an update on the construction of the new fire station. He reported that as of the previous week they had completed the structural steel. The concrete block wall should be going up next week and they will be pouring the driveway and aprons on Thursday. A change was made on the ditch on the Gulf Ave. side. It has been culverted in and the price of this is coming out of a contingency fund. There are some areas where they have saved money, so they are not anticipating any more changes at this time.

Ronnie Boneau of the Groves Chamber of Commerce introduced Raquel Ochoa as the Groves "Mother of the Year" for 2021. Joe Tant read the letter he submitted nominating Ms. Ochoa for the award. The Mayor and Council congratulated Ms. Ochoa on her accomplishments.

Mayor Borne asked for citizen comments and there were none.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WORK SESSION OF APRIL 19, 2021: Mayor Borne stated that the minutes would be entered into the record (copy attached).

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER STREAMING AUDIO AND/OR VIDEO OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS: IT Director William Spell gave an overview of different options for streaming of City Council meetings. He explained that an audio system will be separate from video streaming. The cost to replace audio, speakers, as well as microphones will be \$15,070. TV is an option, but we will have to have a small camera to attach to it. The cities of Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Lamar University use Gulf Coast Audio for streaming, and our cost for this service would be \$41,714 for the first year. City Manager D.E. Sosa recommended that the Council wait until the next

budget so that this can be budgeted for next year. Mayor Borne stated that the audio needs to be done and Mr. Spell agreed.

Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to discuss audio and video of city council meetings and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Badon stated that he wished to amend his motion and moved to accept the audio proposal from Gulf Coast Audio in the amount of \$15,070 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked if the video could be added in the future for a reasonable cost and Mr. Spell stated that it could. Mayor Pro Tem Badon amended his motion for TV and audio to Gulf Coast Audio in the amount of \$17,785 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Borne stated that the Council would look at the streaming option again closer to the upcoming budget year. Mayor Borne asked Mr. Spell if he anticipated any price hike and Mr. Spell stated he would expect only delays at this time.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER INCREASING THE INITIAL FEE FOR ADDITIONAL GARBAGE CANS FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICE TO \$45.00 AND THE MONTHLY FEE PER EXTRA CAN TO \$15.00: Mr. Sosa stated that the problems being experienced with extra cans is due to the City's growth. Sanitation supervisor Michael Tentrup stated that with the City having a lot of new homes and with people staying home because of Covid, the Sanitation Department is handling higher volumes of trash. He explained that if the increase in trash continues the City will have to add a third route for trash pickup, which would mean another garbage truck and another employee. The initial fee for an extra can is currently \$15 and the monthly fee is \$10. However, extra cans have an average cost of \$45, so, if approved, the new initial fee of \$45 will cover the cost of the can and the increase in the monthly fee to \$15 will help deter extra garbage creation. He also remarked that the extra cans are putting a strain on the trucks.

Councilmember Dugas made a motion to consider increasing the initial fee for additional garbage cans for residential service to \$45.00 and the monthly fee per extra can to \$15.00. Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded the motion. Councilmember McAdams stated that customers that already have a second can do not have to pay the \$45.00 initial fee and Mr. Tentrup agreed. Mayor Borne pointed out that any residential customer with just one garbage can will not see an increase. Mr. Tentrup stated that they are hoping the changes will cut back on the amount going to the landfill, as another truck would cost \$280,000 and another employee would be an additional \$70,000. Mayor Borne asked if two trucks go to the landfill daily and Mr. Tentrup responded that they do and that Fridays are maintenance days for the trucks.

Changing the garbage route would not be an easy thing to do. Mayor Pro Tem Badon suggested looking at things at budget time and said that he did not feel the increases will make a difference. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$747,324.27 as follows:

Durotech, Inc.	New fire station construction – April payment.	691,543.27
Greenscapes Six LLC	Bay St. curb ribbon replacement project (payment #3- \$16,064.10); (payment #4/final- \$29,716.90).	45,781.00
Lawco	2nd payment for building athletic fields on Hogaboom. (This is 50% of the cost. PNGYFA is paying 50% also.)	10,000.00

Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve the invoices totaling \$747,324.27 and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and Councilmember Dugas questioned the payment to Durotech. Mr. Sosa explained that the payments to Durotech are based on how much work has been done since the last payment. Motion passed unanimously.

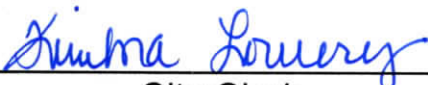
Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked for a report on the GLO streets that have been started and the upcoming ones. Mr. Sosa stated that he would get it to him.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and announced that a Joint Public Hearing would follow the Council meeting. Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

MINUTES-PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

APRIL 19, 2021

THE CITY OF GROVES PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONERS MET IN THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING, 4925 MCKINLEY, MONDAY APRIL 19, 2021, 6:00 PM TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY OF 6230 WARREN STREET AND SURROUNDING PROPERTIES LISTED HEREIN.

1. To consider the request from OG Realty, LLC.: To rezone newly acquired surrounding properties of 6230 Warren St. from R-2 One & Two Family Residence District to P-1 Professional District. The properties to be rezoned are as listed herein: 6158 Warren St., 6162 Warren St. & 6248 Warren St..

Members present were Rodney Pacetti, Craig Plokhoo, Chris Crain, Mike Presley, Michael Campise and Secretary to the Commission, Don Pedraza.

Mr. Pacetti opened the meeting with roll call. Let the records indicate a quorum was met. Absent members: Gibert Hernandez. Meeting started @ 6:00PM. One new items for business.

Item of Business

This meeting is a Work Session between Groves P&Z commissioners and the owner of Oak Groves Nursing Home.

R. Placetti opened the questioning with where are the properties located that need to be rezoned? Mr. Daniel answered by showing them on the site plan which were the three parcels of land to be rezoned (1 parcel to the Lt. side to existing facility and 2 parcels to the Rt. side of facility). All three parcels of land are now zoned R-2, but the owner is asking it to be P-1. For the next 10 minutes, the discussion was about which three parcels of land and where they are located according to the existing Nursing Facility. Also asked, if there are any homes and/or businesses that will be abutting the proposed new rezoned properties. Mr. Daniel answered, will be homes on both sides of the new rezoned property. He also said, that the properties that are being rezone will have all the existing structures removed for the construction of the new addition.

Commissioners started to ask questions about the existing facility, What is the bed count. Answer was 120 semi-private rooms. That will not change with new addition. Mr. Daniel shared the future plans with them, (ie: private and semi private rooms, couple's rooms, rehab rooms and gym, with rehad therapist on staff, lunch, theater and hair salon).

Questions now were asked about the design of the proposed new addition of the facility (drainage, fire lanes ,fire hydrants, parking lots. No construction plans have been submitted to answer these questions). Also asked about large trucks access to facility. The rest of the P&Z commissioners questions can be answered after construction plans have been submitted for review.

With no further questions, the next step is a Joint Public hearing with City Council members.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned @ 6:27PM.