

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held August 1, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Rob Vensel, Councilmember Mark McAdams and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE July 18, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:  
Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2022 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne stated that we have three reports and the first report will be from Public Works Director Troy Foxworth. Mr. Foxworth stated that he would like to give an update on the drainage report on what has been done since October 2021. He stated that from October 2021 through February 2022 there was 22,800 ft. of ditching done which equals 4.3 miles. Then from March 2022 through June 2022 there was 14,502 ft. which equals 2.7 miles. Mr. Foxworth then stated for the month of July 2022 they did 7,440 ft. of ditching which equals 1.4 miles. Mr. Foxworth then stated that is a grand total of 8.4 miles completed since October of 2021. He also stated that the ditching program has increased this year because most of the streets are being handled by contractors so this allows us to focus more on ditching. There were no questions for Mr. Foxworth.

Mayor Borne stated that the next report will be from Schneider Electric regarding the recommended Waste Water Plant improvements. Craig Mesenbrink then introduced himself as the representative from Schneider Electric. Mr. Mesenbrink stated that this is a quick update as we head into the final 5 or 6 weeks before we deliver a turnkey proposal to Council. He then stated that what he is not talking about is the final pricing because they haven't received all of that. Mr. Mesenbrink then stated they have calculated the savings, both Operational and Energy savings. Mr. Mesenbrink also stated that there is a Management and Verification Plan that would go along with this project with a performance guarantee so that if the savings are not realized then Schneider Electric would write a check for the difference. The project overview has a projected Total Annual Energy and O&M Savings of \$50,000. There were no questions for Mr. Mesenbrink.

Mayor Borne then stated that Council will receive the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter-approval tax rate of the City of Groves from the County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office. Finance Director Lamar Ozley then proceeded to hand

these packets out to all City Council, City Manager and City Clerk. Mayor Borne then asked for citizen comments and there were none.

**CITY MANAGER DELIVERS BUDGET TO CITY CLERK:** City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the draft budget was presented to City Clerk on July 28, 2022 and he is formally presenting it now. No motion is required for this item.

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE OF GROVES AVE. FROM 39<sup>TH</sup> ST. TO SHORT ST., AND THE CLOSURE OF SHORT ST. FROM GROVES AVE. TO MAIN AVE. ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BLAST:** Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to discuss and consider authorizing the closure of Groves Ave. from 39<sup>th</sup> St. to Short St., and the closure of Short St. from Groves Ave. to Main Ave. on Saturday, August 13, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Back to School Blast. Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Event Coordinator Libbie Lejeune then proceeded to give Council Information about different activities for the kids and a list of all of the different vendors who will be represent at the event. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER AWARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE TWELVE OAKS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO GREENSCAPES SIX, LLC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,690.00:** Councilmember Mark McAdams made a motion to consider awarding the contract for the Twelve Oaks Improvement Project to Greenscapes Six, LLC, in the amount of \$51,690.00. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that this is the project that we hope will help take the excess stormwater to the North. Mr. Sosa also stated that this is basically an overflow culvert that will equalize the amount of water that is shed in that area. City Manager D.E. Sosa also stated that we originally received no bids for this project. Mayor Borne then asked how long the project would take and Mr. Sosa stated that he believes it will take 60 days from the time they start. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT OF NATHAN L. "BUDDY" REYNOLDS JR. AS CITY PROCECUTOR IN GROVES MUNICIPAL COURT DUE TO THE RETIREMENT OF JESSE BRANICK:** Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to consider approval of the appointment of Nathan L. "Buddy" Reynolds Jr. as the City Prosecutor in Groves Municipal Court due to the retirement of Jesse Branick. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON P. MONK AS THE CITY ATTORNEY: Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to consider the appointment of Brandon P. Monk as the City Attorney and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT GROVES CITY HALL FOR THE PURPOSE TO REVIEW THE CITY OF GROVES' PROPOSED FY 2022-2023 BUDGET: Finance Director Lamar Ozley asked Council to amend the motion to add the date of August 29, 2022 to the motion. Councilmember Vensel made a motion to consider approval to hold a Public Hearing at Groves City Hall for the purpose to review the City of Groves' Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget on August 29, 2022 and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT GROVES CITY HALL FOR THE PURPOSE TO REVIEW THE CITY OF GROVES' PROPOSED FY 2022-2023 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: Finance Director Lamar Ozley asked Council to amend the motion to add the date of August 15, 2022 to the motion. Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval to hold a Public Hearing at Groves City Hall for the purpose to review the City of Groves' proposed FY 2022-2023 Appropriation Ordinance on August 15, 2022 and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$57,894.87 as follows:

Moody Brothers	Scales for CL2 and SO2 ton cylinders.	16,396.00
Newtron Electric Services, LLC	Traffic Light Pole- Main Ave. & 39 <sup>th</sup> St.	7,112.73
Republic Services	Collection of commercial dumpsters (June 2022).	6,413.24
Republic Services	Sludge Disposal for June 2022.	7,873.49
Sabine Equipment	Georgia Lift Station #4 (Updated Price).	14,118.25

Smart's Truck &  
Trailer Equipment, Inc.

Injector Kit and Cups.

5,981.10

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$57,894.87 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Mayor Borne then asked City Manager D.E. Sosa if we are still trying to get reimbursement for the Main and 39<sup>th</sup> pole and Mr. Sosa stated that we are still working with the insurance company to get reimbursed. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments and there were none. There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk