

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held June 21, 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. Councilmember McAdams led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 7, 2021 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Dugas moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 City Council meeting as written and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

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

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDER CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 1 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 3: City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that the election items are approved by City Attorney James Black. Mayor Pro Tem Badon moved to approve the Order calling a General Election for November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Ward No. 1 and a Ward No. 3 Councilmember. Councilmember Dugas seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

NOTICE OF A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 IN THE CITY OF GROVES: Mayor Borne gave notice of the election and City Clerk Kimbra Lowery stated that no action was required on this item.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ELECTION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN JEFFERSON COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GROVES: Mayor Pro Tem Badon made a motion to approve the Election Services Contract between Jefferson County and the City of Groves and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH UBEO BUSINESS SERVICES FOR THE RENTAL OF A COPIER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Sosa explained that the Police Department is in need of a new copier and going with a rental copier will result in a 50% savings. Councilmember Dugas moved to authorize a rental agreement with UBEO Business Services for rental of a copier for the Police Department and Councilmember McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked if the rental agreement will cover all maintenance. Finance Director Lamar

Ozley reported that the agreement will cover all maintenance and also toner/ink. H also stated that the copier would be leased through the Brazos Valley Council of Government's contract. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 1 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 3: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2021-06, reading the caption as follows: "An ordinance calling an election, in accordance with the order of the Mayor, to be held within the city of Groves on the 2nd day of November, 2021, for the purpose of electing a councilmember in Ward No. 1 for a two-year term and a councilmember in Ward No. 3 for a two-year term; fixing the hours thereof; declaring the qualifications of candidates; providing means by which candidates may secure a place upon the ballot; declaring the qualifications of electors; providing terms of offices; providing for the adoption and incorporation of an election services agreement between Jefferson County, Texas and the city of Groves providing for a joint election, establishing polling places and providing for the appointment of election officials; providing for publication and posting of notices; providing for posting a list of candidates; providing for preparation of ballots and expenses of election; providing that all notices, ballots and other materials be bilingual, to-wit: English and Spanish; providing for electronic voting; and providing an effective date."

Councilmember McAdams moved to approve Ordinance 2021-06 calling a General Election to be held in the City of Groves on November 2, 2021 and Mayor Pro Tem Badon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$1,085,218.20 as follows:

Basco Const.	West Groves Park restroom roof.	6,739.00
Chameleon Ind.	Polymer for water treatment.	25,920.00
Core & Main	Meter registers/antennas (25,017.14; 28,197.33).	53,214.47
Durotech, Inc.	New Fire Station construction – May payment.	798,659.08
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for May 2021.	19,043.63
Houston Freight	Trash truck for Solid Waste Dept.	169,233.00
Republic Svc.	Sludge disposal (May 2021).	5,609.02
Rojo Remodeling & Roofing	Demolition work on wall in gym to provide additional seating.	6,800.00

Councilmember McAdams moved to approve the invoices totaling \$1,085,218.20 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Mayor Pro Tem Badon asked if the trash truck was a budgeted item and Mr. Sosa stated that it was. He also asked if the demolished wall in the gym was the old weight room and Mr. Sosa said that was correct. Councilmember Dugas asked if the funds for the West Groves Park restroom repairs were coming out of the parks fund and Mr. Sosa stated no, that they were coming out of the budget. She also questioned the Core & Main item and Mr. Sosa explained that the life of the meter register batteries is 10 years, and at that time the City changes them out so that we can continue to read meters remotely. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Councilmember Oliver asked what was the scheduled date for repairs to 25th St. Mr. Sosa stated that the City had signed the contract and repairs should begin within 8 to 10 days. Councilmember Oliver voiced concerns over problems with Monroe that are showing up a year after it was done (potholes, washboard) and is noticing the same things with 25th St. Mr. Sosa explained that the asphalt will take care of the problems and that the finish is not yet on Monroe. He went on to state that if the contractor does not like the base on 25th St. he will not put asphalt over it. Councilmember Oliver remarked that he would like to see the contractor give the City an evaluation on what kind of base 25th St. has. Mr. Sosa stated that he would ask the contractor to email his recommendation, as we don't have a council meeting before they will start on it and adding two to three more weeks to the start time may end up causing problems with the base. Mr. Sosa concluded by saying that he would request the contractor to do an assessment the existing base and email it to the Council.

Councilmember Dugas pointed out that the Lindenmayer name was taken down when the Lindenmayer Park property was sold. She requested that the street that runs through the property be named Lindenmayer. Mr. Sosa stated that the City had already planned to do that and that it would be on the next meeting agenda.

There were no further comments and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

