

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held February 14, 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 and news media. Councilmember McAdams then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 31, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2022 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne stated that the next item was for reports or citizen comments. Mayor Borne asked for reports and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated there were none.

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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 this is a yearly request by the Mosquito Control District and that every year Council does authorize it. Councilmember McAdams moved to consider approval of the Aerial Waiver authorizing the Jefferson County Mosquito Control District to fly at low altitudes and Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne then asked if there were any questions. Mayor Borne then proceeded to ask if there is a cost associated with this and Mr. Sosa said not to us, it is paid with County taxes. Motion passed unanimously.

AUTHORIZE ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH GLO AMENDED CONTRACT 20-065-039-C120: City Manager Sosa stated that after we did our first GLO program we had 1.7 million dollars leftover and we had to reapply to spend these funds with streets again. Mr. Sosa also stated that Whiteley and Associates are our engineers and they have taken care of everything so we are asking for permission to go out for bids and if everything goes well we are expecting to bring those bids back to council with a recommendation at the March 14, 2022 City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to authorize the engineers to advertise for bids for street improvements associated with GLO amended contract 20-065-039-C120. Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne then proceeded to ask for questions. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas

asked City Manager Sosa to remind us what work has already been done on Allison and Woodlawn. Mr. Sosa stated that on Allison and Woodlawn that the curbs have been done. We are going to do some more curbs in that area but now this is going to be the hot mix program, this will finish up the streets where the curbs were done. Motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL REGISTRAR FOR THE CITY OF GROVES. City Manager D. E. Sosa stated that our current City Secretary and Registrar Kim Lowery is retiring at the end of the month so we need to appoint her replacement as the Local Registrar for the City of Groves. This is a person in charge of all Vital Statistics for the City including all Birth and Death Certificates. Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to appoint Clarissa Thibodeaux as the local registrar for birth and death registrations and all other Vital Statistic functions for the City of Groves. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2022-02, DECLINING TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN RATES REQUESTED IN ENTERGY TEXAS INC.'S STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED WITH THE CITY ON JANUARY 31, 2022. Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to consider approval of the Ordinance 2022-02, declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas Inc.'s statement of intent filed with the City on January 31, 2022. Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne then asked for questions. Councilmember McAdams asked City Attorney James Black if he could please explain this ordinance more and Mr. Black stated that he will find out more information. Mr. Sosa explained that the cities consultant will be reviewing the request and making recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$287,839.53 as follows:

Alfa Laval	Centrifuge Repair- Waste Water Plant.	59,174.00
Brenntag Southwest Inc.	Chemicals for Water Plant.	10,540.65
City of Port Arthur	Sludge disposal (1,600) Partial Dec 2021/ Jan 2022 landfill fees (19,030).	20,630.00

City of Port Neches	Regional Radio Maintenance (09/2021-08/2022).	15,015.19
Core & Main L.P.	Water Meters and Registers (misc. sizes).	43,924.20
Fuelman	Gas and diesel fuel for January 2022.	16,923.96
Howell Furniture Gallery	Furniture for New Fire Station.	20,087.77
Jefferson Electric Co. Inc.	Furnish and Install Data Conduit at New Fire Station.	13,218.00
Neil Tech. Services	Pull RAS pump #1 and #3 for rebuild-2@ 2,820.00 ea. (Waste Water Plant).	5,640.00
Newtron Electric Services. LLC	Set traffic light pole, corner of 39 th St. and Main Ave.	6,601.91
Republic Services	Peace and Dignity Program, new home and demolition – 4748 Beaumont, 4739 Bellaire, 3824 Charles, 3429 Graves, 3308 Canal, 5311 Grant, 5225 33 rd , 6751 Howe, 5905 25 th , Monroe/Indian Springs, 6762 Jefferson, 2730 Montrose, 5600 39 th , 6515 Kennedy, 4401 Lincoln, 4432 Lawndale, 6230 Terrell, 4260 Wilson, 6154 25 th , 6919 39 th , 3211 Canal. (7,584.52) Sludge Disposal 1/1/2022-1/31/2022 (6,095.56).	13,680.08
Tyler Technologies Inc.	Incode – Computer System/Software for 03/01/2022 – 02/28/2023.	62,403.77
TOTAL		287,839.53

Mayor Pro Tem Dugas moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$287,839.53 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions

and Councilmember Vensel asked if the Regional Radio Maintenance is a yearly contract. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that we are in a Grant Program in which

every city in Jefferson County shares in keeping these radios up and our share is \$15,015.19. This lets us have the same radio frequencies to be able to communicate with each other during disasters. Councilmember McAdams asked that when we have pump repairs do we go out for bids. Mr. Sosa stated that yes, we try to get at least three bids. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked if the furniture and conduit for the new Fire Station come out of the loan. Chief Lance Billeaud replied that yes, all of that came out of the budget. There is a technology allowance and also a furnishing equipment allowance. Ms. Dugas also asked what kind of radios we use. Chief Billeaud responded that the radio system had to be upgraded to the newer digital signal which have better signal, quality and are more dependable. Chief also stated that we are responsible for the maintenance along with the other Cities in Jefferson County. There were no other questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked if the advertisement for the GLO bids will be in the newspaper. City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that yes it will run in The Examiner and that it is in fact a County wide newspaper.

Mayor Borne thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

