

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held June 20, 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. Councilmember Vensel then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE June 6, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND June 6, 2022 JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 City Council Meeting and June 6, 2022 Joint Public Hearing as written and Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for discussion and there was none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE June 6, 2022 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that we have received the minutes from the June 6, 2022 Planning and Zoning Meeting. Please see attached copy for details.

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

DISCUSS LOWERING THE SPEED LIMIT ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM TWIN CITY TO CANAL AVE. TO 20 MPH: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to discuss lowering the speed limit on 34<sup>th</sup> street from Twin City to Canal Ave to 20 MPH and Councilmember Mark McAdams seconded. Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas then stated that this is her ward and that from Twin City to Canal is 2000 feet and there are no stop signs and people are going way to fast through there. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas also stated that a citizen had contacted her and told her how bad the traffic is on that stretch of road. City Manager D.E. Sosa then stated that we have done this in the past on Kent Ave and that seemed to help a lot with the traffic issue over there. City Manger D.E. Sosa also stated that he thought it might help in this situation also so he added it to the agenda at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas and Councilmember Rob Vensel. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS PLACING A 3 WAY STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF 34<sup>TH</sup> ST AND NEWTON ST: Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas made a motion to discuss placing a 3 way stop sign at the intersection of 34<sup>th</sup> St. and Newton St. Councilmember Rob Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne then asked if we would also have the approaching a stop sign signing up and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that yes it would be set up as the code requires. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2022-07 AMENDING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT: City Attorney James Black presented proposed Ordinance No. 2022-07, reading the Ordinance as follows: "An Ordinance amending the City of Groves, Texas, Zoning Ordinance by amending Article XII. "Board of Adjustment; procedure", sec. 11-000. "[Generally.]" by revising said section to define the qualifications of members of the Board of Adjustment to coincide with qualifications of the Mayor, Councilmembers and members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; providing that no other portions of said Ordinance shall be affected hereby; providing a savings clause; providing for Codification and providing an effective date"

Councilmember Mark McAdams moved to approve Ordinance 2022-07 amending the qualifications of the Board of Adjustment. and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.


INVOICES: City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$180,585.67 as follows:

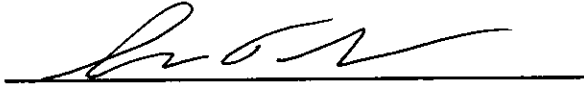
Bearcom Operating LLC	Moving repeater and antenna for repeater at New Fire Station.	13,912.
Chameleon Industries	Polymer for Water Treatment Plant.	32,619.20
Fuelman of Lafayette	Gas and diesel fuel for May 2022.	28,570.04
Higginbotham Insurance Agency	Windstorm Insurance for New Fire Station.	40,321.63
Joiner Architects	Construction Payment for New Fire Station.	14,402.35
Municipal H2O	Annual Risk Management Plan Compliance Service fee for Water and Wastewater Plants.	6,000.00
Republic Services	Commercial dumpster collection May 2022.	6,080.33
Soutex Surveyors, Inc.	2022 Pipe Bursting Engineering for Sewer Line for CLFRF Grant.	32,910.00
Wastewater Transport Services	Wet haul sludge from Digester. (April 25 <sup>th</sup> through May of 2022.).	5,769.39

Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas moved to approve payment of the invoices totaling \$180,585.67 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Councilmember Rob Vensel then asked if the Soutex services was for pipe bursting only and City Manager D.E. Sosa said no that is the Engineering portion of the second payment. Mayor Borne then asked Water Plant supervisor David Molbert if they have seen a steady increase in the chemicals for the Water Plant and he said yes. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments and Councilmember Oliver asked for an update on the 12 Oaks Subdivision drainage project and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that we put the publication of the opening for bids on June 16<sup>th</sup> and the next publication will be June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Sosa also stated that the bids will be due July 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember Vensel then asked if we had an update on the building behind Monceaux's next to the snow cone shop and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that he will have to get with Don and get an update on that structure. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked when our next code meeting would be and City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux stated that they had just discussed that today and they are hoping for a meeting following the August 1<sup>st</sup> City Council Meeting but it was just a discussion and hopefully we will know soon if that day will work out. Councilmember Rob Vensel then asked who cleared the Girls Softball Field and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated a contractor had donated their time to cut that then the PNGYFA will take over their fields and we will take over the Softball Fields.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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City Clerk