

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held November 7, 2022 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Paul Oliver, and Councilmember Rob Vensel in attendance. Councilmember Mark McAdams was not present. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees and news media. Jorg Kitchen from the local VFW then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2022 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2022 City Council Meeting as written and Councilmember Oliver seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne then called for reports and there were two reports, the first was from Coby Doucet from the Wastewater Plant in regards to the Schneider Electric Project. Mr. Doucet was asked to give an overview of what the project entails and to also give his opinion on whether we should proceed with the project or not. Mr. Doucet then explained that the project has been reduced down to the aeration basin, changing the diffusers, changing the digester blowers, bar string and grit classifier. Mr. Doucet then stated that he thinks these are very important especially the bar string and grit classifier. Mr. Doucet then stated that the cost savings will come from the digester blowers and the aeration blowers. Councilmember Oliver then asked about the aeration blowers and Mr. Doucet stated that there are two electric and two natural gas that aren't being used. Councilmember Oliver then asked why the two natural gas blowers were never used and Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated he wasn't sure. Mayor Borne then asked if the natural gas blower were maybe a failsafe for if we were to lose electricity and the Mr. Doucet stated that he believed it was because that was prior to us getting a generator to run the plant. Councilmember Oliver then asked if one basin can be shut down at a time and Mr. Foxworth stated that it can be but the treatment process will suffer for it. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then stated that Schneider Electric stated that we could not do this in phases and then asked Mr. Doucet if he agreed with that. Mr. Doucet stated that he could see the bar string and grit classifier being done that way but as far as the aeration and digester blowers you would want to change at the same time for more cost efficiency. Mr. Doucet also stated that would probably be more of an engineering question though because they have everything built in together. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked about the blowers and about how we have four of them but can only use two. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then stated about needing backup blowers and replacing the natural gas blowers with backup electric ones and Mr. Doucet stated that they had worked that into the plans with Schneider also. There were no further questions for Mr. Doucet.

The next report was from the VFW representatives Marty and Jennie Reese. Mr. Reese stated that he and Jennie represent the Quilts of Valor members and volunteers all over the country and in 2003 a quilter named Catherine Roberts had the idea of covering veterans with quilts during the time her son was deployed in Iraq. Since then over 323,574 quilts of valor have been awarded in the United States and overseas. The mission of the quilts of valor is to cover service members and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts of valor. The quilts consist of three layers held together by its quilting stitches and we like to think of these layers in these three ways. The top is a quilt with as many colors, shapes and fabrics representing the communities and the individuals we are. The filler is the center of the quilt and its warmth represents our hope that this quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it. The backing is the strength that supports the other layers and represents the strength of the recipient, the support of his or her family, our communities and our nation. Mr. and Mrs. Reese then presented Staff Sergeant Jorg Kitchen with his own quilt of valor and a certificate as well.

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

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR THE REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE STREET CLOSINGS AND EVENTS:** Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to discuss and consider approval for the requirements for future street closings and events and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas seconded. There were business owners at the meeting from the downtown businesses asking questions in regards to what would be acceptable in regards to the application and they understood what Council was wanting in regards to said application. Motion passed unanimously.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSS UPDATED FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE:** City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that there were very minor revisions to this Ordinance and the next step will be to present the Ordinance at the workshop for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas let Mr. Monk know that the Zoning Board of Adjustment can call the meeting whenever necessary as long as proper notice is given. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked if this Workshop would involve Council as well as Zoning Board of Adjustment and City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that it would just be the Board at the first meeting.

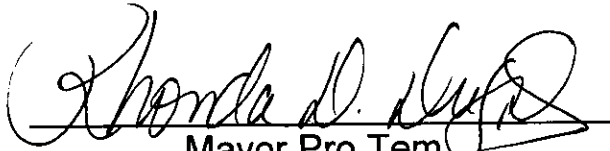
**INVOICES:** City Manager D.E. Sosa presented invoices for payment totaling \$78,557.22 as follows:

City of Port Arthur	Landfill fees. (9/26/22-10/25/22).	16,610.70
DXI Industries	Chlorine for Water Plant.	6,861.60
Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchase.	24,703.60
M & R's Elite Janitorial Solutions	Janitorial Services for City Hall, Public Works, Police Department And Library. (September and October 2022).	5,394.00
Republic Services	Commercial dumpster collection for October 2022.	6,317.32
Sabine Equipment, LLC	Replacement of motor and gearbox at Water Plant.	6,170.00
Trac-N-Trol	Second payment for engineering Services for the SCADA system at the Water Plant.	12,500.00


Mayor Pro Tem Dugas made a motion to approve the invoices totaling \$78,557.22 and Councilmember Vensel seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked if the Chlorine and Raw Water purchases are budgeted items and City Manager D.E. Sosa stated that they are. Councilmember Rob Vensel then asked about the motor and gearbox replacement and if it was a failure at the Plant and Water Plant Supervisor David Molbert stated that it was. Mr. Molbert stated that we had to put a new motor but once the current motor is repaired then we will have a backup. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Council comments. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas asked City Manager D.E. Sosa if there was an update on the information regarding if insurance is required for Bounce Houses and Mr. Sosa stated that he has been playing phone tag with them but he will find out this week. Mayor Pro Tem Dugas then asked when our recordings from Council Meetings are put on our Cities YouTube and Mr. Sosa stated that normally he will call IT the day after the meetings and remind them to

transfer them over. There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

  
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Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk