

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held October 23, 2023 in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, Councilmember Paul Oliver, and Councilmember Rob Vensel in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Representatives from the local VFW then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 9, 2023 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Rob Vensel moved to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that all of Council have received a copy of the minutes.

Mayor Borne then asked for reports and Ken Lofton from the local VFW then gave a report on the United States Marine Corp.

Mayor Borne then asked for Citizen Comments and there were none.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH THE NEW CITY MANAGER KEVIN CARRUTH: Councilmember Rob Vensel made a motion to consider approval of the contract with the new City Manager Kevin Carruth and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH EPIC ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$517,128.62: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to consider approval of the contract with Epic Engineering in the amount of \$517,128.62 and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked about the design documents including the copyright being retained by the engineer. Councilmember Dugas stated that this is intellectual property the City should own outright. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then stated that this is specifically addressing with respect to intellectual property a copyright protection and it doesn't necessarily include language as to all intellectual property. Mr. Monk also stated that it should be fixed so that the engineer would retain the copyright and so would the City. Mr. Monk also stated that he doesn't see any kind of time table for the completion of the project but that would be up to Council as to whether that should be included or not. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams amended his previous motion to table this item and Councilmember Dugas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2023-18 GRANTING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR GAME ROOM AND GAMING MACHINES AT 6850 25TH ST:

Councilmember Dugas made a motion to consider approval of Ordinance 2023-18 granting a Specific Use Permit for Game Room and Gaming Machines at 6850 25th St. and Councilmember Oliver seconded. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then read the caption as follows: "An Ordinance authorizing a Specific Use Permit for Gaming Machines and Game Rooms at 6850 25th St., B&B Mini Market, part of lots 1 & 2 of tract 2 of Diamond Subdivision; providing that no other portions of the zoning ordinance shall be affected hereby; providing for publication by publishing the caption only; and providing an effective date." Mayor Borne then asked for questions and there were none. Mayor Borne then stated that according to the Planning and Zoning Minutes that this location has met all of the requirements made within Article III. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: Interim City Manager Lance Billeaud presented invoices for payment totaling \$348,016.78 as follows:

DXI Industries, INC.	Chlorine for water plant.	6,861.60
Hach	All weather sampler. (Current sampler no longer functioning.	10,105.99
Motorola Solutions	2 Handheld APX – 900's.	6,193.10
Philpott Motors	Repairs to P.D. Cars #1 and # 10.	10,161.88
Republic Services	Sludge disposal for September 2023.	8,312.20
Republic Services	Commercial dumpster collection. September 2023.	9,292.56
TML Intergovernmental	2024 WC and Liability Insurance.	297,089.9

Councilmember Vensel made a motion to approve the payment of the invoices totaling \$348,016.78 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked about the two new radios and Interim City Manager Lance Billeaud stated that these are for the Streets Department. Mayor Borne then asked if these are the same kind of radios we have been buying and Mr. Billeaud stated that they are compatible but just a little cheaper. There were no further questions. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember Comments and Mayor Pro Tem Dugas stated that she had a great time at the Fire Department Open House and at the Pecan Festival. Mayor Borne wanted to congratulate Mrs. Knaus and the Chamber for a great turnout at the Pecan Festival.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

