

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held May 20, 2024, in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Pete Konidis, Councilmember Rhonda Dugas, and Councilmember Paul Oliver in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. The prayer and pledge of allegiance was then held by the local VFW Post 4820.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 22, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams moved to untable the previous motion to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024, City Council meeting as written and Councilmember Paul Oliver seconded. Mayor Borne asked if there were any corrections submitted and City Manager Kevin Carruth stated there were some submitted by Councilmember Dugas. The corrections submitted by Ms. Dugas is in the Council Packets. Mr. Carruth stated that he wanted to reiterate the email he had sent earlier last week. Mr. Carruth then stated the normal process is the City Clerk would send out the draft minutes even before the packets go out to allow Council enough time to review it and get back with the City Clerk with any corrections that they might have. Typically, if there are any it's usually minor things like corrections to names or a typo. Mr. Carruth then stated that the changes proposed by Councilmember Dugas was something much more than that. Mr. Carruth then explained that the minutes we take here are to record actions and to summarize relevant discussion, we do not make transcripts of the meetings. To change the minute format from discussion summary to discussion transcript is a policy change that the council needs to make, not staff. Mr. Carruth then stated that is why the minutes were not changed this time like we normally do because this is much more than that. Councilmember Dugas asked when the email Mr. Carruth was talking about sent out because she did not get it. Mr. Carruth stated that it went out to everybody on May 6, 2024. Mr. Carruth also stated that it is Council's prerogative to adopt a change like this, going to a transcript format but understand by doing that it places a huge burden on the City Clerk and would take considerably more amount of time to complete minutes and more time during Council meetings to review them. Councilmember Oliver asked if we still have recorded documentation of all the meetings and Mr. Carruth stated we do with video and audio recordings. City Manager Carruth asked if all of the other Councilmembers received the email and they did. Councilmember Dugas was the only one that didn't receive it. Mr. Carruth went back to the email and stated that Councilmember Dugas was on the distribution list and resent her the email at that moment. Mayor Borne asked if there was any other questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed to approve the April 22, 2024, minutes as written with Mayor Borne, Mayor Pro Tem McAdams, Councilmember Konidis and Councilmember Oliver in favor of the motion with Councilmember Dugas against it.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2024 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND JOINT PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2024 City Council Meeting and Joint Public Hearing. Councilmember Konidis seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions or comments and there were none. Motion passed unanimously.

RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2024 PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING: Mayor Borne stated that all of council has received a copy of these minutes.

Mayor Borne then asked for reports and Finance Director Lamar Ozley introduced Jacob McCutcheon to Council. Mr. McCutcheon will be interning with Mr. Ozley this summer and helping with the budget. Mr. McCutcheon then introduced himself to council and informed them that he just graduated from A&M and is looking forward to working at the city for the summer.

Mr. Lofton from the local VFW 4820 then gave a report on Victory in Europe Day. Mr. Lofton stated that May 8, 1945 is known as Victory in Europe Day and celebrations around the world marked the end of WWII in Europe. Mr. Lofton then informed Council that we have very few WWII Veterans left and VFW Post 4820 has one of those few, Mr. James White. Mr. Lofton then stated that Mr. White is what they call a national treasure in their post.

There were no further reports.

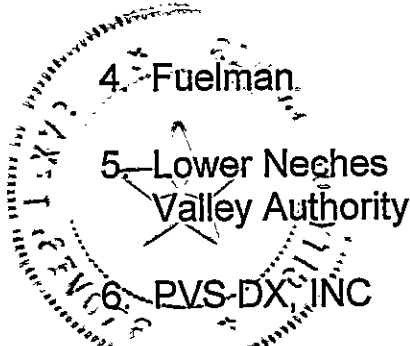
Mayor Borne then asked for citizen comments and Kirk Gillespie of 7039 32nd St. addressed council. Mr. Gillespie informed council of his experience serving on boards including 12 years on the Planning and Zoning Committee in Nederland along with 6 years on the Board of Appeals. Mr. Gillespie then offered his assistance to the City of Groves, informing council that he is willing to help on any boards if there are openings.

There were no other citizen comments.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-05, AUTHORIZING A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR GAMING MACHINES & GAME ROOMS AT 5130 TWIN CITY HIGHWAY: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act on Ordinance 2024-05, authorizing a Specific Use Permit for Gaming Machines & Game Rooms at 5130 Twin City Highway. Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked Mr. Marcantel how long he has been in business there and Mr. Marcantel stated 6 years. Mayor Borne then stated that Council had the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Meeting and the vote was passed for this location. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk then read the caption as follows: "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." Councilmember Dugas then stated that Mr. Marcantel has not had any difficulties and has followed all of the requirements. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling \$108,007.56 as follows:

1. ASCO Equipment	1996 and 2004 Gradall ditching buckets.	\$17,901.62
2. City of Port Arthur	Landfill sludge disposal April 2024.	\$5,720.00
3. EGSW	Micro-solve 55-gallon drum and rubber system.	\$7,185.00
4. Fuelman	Gas and diesel for April 2024.	\$18,871.87
5. Lower Neches Valley Authority	Raw water purchased.	\$25,231.35
6. PVS-DX, INC	CL ² and SO ² for Waste Water Plant.	\$9,646.20
7. PVS DX, INC	Chlorine for Water Plant.	\$6,861.60
8. Republic Services	Sludge disposal April 2024.	\$9,289.92
9. Soutex	Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan.	\$7,300.00



Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams moved to approve payment of the invoices for May 20, 2024 totaling \$108,007.56 and Councilmember Oliver seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked what the Water Conservation & Drought Contingency Plan is and City Manager Kevin Carruth stated that is a plan we are required to have when we are short on water. Mayor Borne asked if that is a yearly cost and Mr. Carruth stated it is not and that it has to be updated at least every 5 years. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Borne asked for Councilmember comments and Councilmember Konidis thanked the Veterans for their service and also thanked Mr. Gillespie for his help with the Circle of Hope. There were no further councilmember comments.

There was no further business and Mayor Borne adjourned the meeting at 5:22 p.m.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

