

A regular meeting of the Groves City Council was held November 18, 2024, in the Groves City Council Chamber with Mayor Chris Borne, Mayor Pro Tem Mark McAdams, Councilmember Paul Oliver, Councilmember Pete Konidis, and Councilmember Rhonda Dugas in attendance. Mayor Borne called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. A representative from VFW 4820 then led the prayer and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Borne then asked for reports and City Manager Kevin Carruth stated he did not have any reports. Mayor Borne spoke regarding the passing of Ms. Olivia Wellings and how she was a true Groves hero and will greatly be missed. There were no further reports.

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

Joint Public Hearing then started at 5:03 p.m. See Joint Public Hearing Minutes.

City Council Meeting resumed at 5:09 p.m.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024, City Council Meeting and Councilmember Oliver seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2024-28, CANVASSING RETURNS AND DECLARING RESULTS OF AN ELECTION HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024: Councilmember Oliver made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of Ordinance 2024-28, canvassing returns and declaring results of an election held November 5, 2024 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Mayor Borne asked for questions and there were none. Motion passed with Mayor Borne, Mayor Pro Tem McAdams, Councilmember Konidis, and Councilmember Oliver in favor of the motion. Councilmember Dugas voted against the motion.

ADMINISTER OATHS OF OFFICE TO NEWLY ELECTED MAYOR AND CITY MARSHAL: City Clerk Clarissa Thibodeaux then administered Oaths of Office to Mayor Chris Borne and City Marshal Christopher Robin.

DELIBERATE AND ACT TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 2024 TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2024, AND DECEMBER 23, 2024: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act to approve the

Council Meetings for December 2024 to be held on December 2, 2024, and December 23, 2024. Councilmember Konidis seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth then explained to Council that the regularly scheduled meetings would have been December 2nd, December 16th, and December 30th. Mr. Carruth then stated with the Election Runoffs we are required to canvass votes between December 23rd through December 26th. Mr. Kevin also stated that in light of the holidays and everyone's schedules staff recommends the December meetings be on December 2nd and December 23rd. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2024-27, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SECTION 4-6 – AREAS WHERE SALE OF BEER AND WINE PERMITTED FOR CONSUMPTION ON PREMISES BY INCLUDING THE METES AND BOUNDS OF 3814 MAIN AVENUE, SUITE F: Councilmember Konidis made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of Ordinance 2024-27, amending Chapter 4 – Alcoholic Beverages, Section 4-6 – Areas where sale of beer and wine permitted for consumption on premises by including the metes and bounds of 3814 Main Avenue, Suite F. and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. City Manager Kevin Carruth reminded Council of the approval of the application for the TABC alcohol license in previous meeting. Mr. Carruth then stated that Council now has to amend the Ordinance to include the metes and bounds for this location. There were no questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-29, APPROVING A MORATORIUM ON GAME ROOM APPLICATIONS: Councilmember Dugas made a motion to deliberate and act on Ordinance 2024-29, approving a moratorium on Game Room applications and Councilmember Oliver seconded. The City Attorney then explained that this is a moratorium on game rooms for six months to review the current ordinance for the City. City Manager Kevin Carruth then highlighted that there will be one of our existing permitted game rooms that will come up for renewal during this six-month period so presumably, they will be unable to renew during these six months. Councilmember Dugas asked if said game room would come back and ask for an extension because we have done that before. City Attorney Brandon P. Monk stated that an extension is not before Council at this time. City Manager Kevin Carruth then stated that nothing had been brought to our attention regarding an extension. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

DELIBERATE ON A NOTICE OF A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD DECEMBER 14, 2024, THE CITY OF GROVES: No motion is required for this item. Mayor Borne

then read the notice of the Runoff Election to be held December 14, 2024, in the City of Groves.

DELIBERATE AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 2024-30 CALLING FOR A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 2 AND A COUNCILMEMBER FOR WARD NO. 4: Mayor Pro Tem McAdams made a motion to deliberate and act on approval of Ordinance 2024-30 and Councilmember Konidis seconded. There were no questions and the motion passed with Mayor Borne, Mayor Pro Tem McAdams, Councilmember Konidis and Councilmember Oliver in favor of the motion. Councilmember Dugas voted against the motion.

INVOICES: City Manager Kevin Carruth presented invoices for payment totaling \$469,197.89 as follows:

1. City of Port Arthur	Landfill sludge disposal October 2024.	\$5,460.00
2. EGSW	Micro-solve 55-gallon drum.	\$6,550.00
3. Fuelman	Gas and diesel for October 2024.	\$16,432.86
4. Groves Chamber	CoC reimbursement of Pecan Festival HOT expenses.	\$25,062.00
5. Groves Chamber	3 rd and 4 th quarter payments.	\$30,000.00
6. Moody Brothers	CL2 and SO2 yearly PM.	\$10,025.00
7. Moody Brothers	SO2 room overhaul.	\$36,500.00
8. PVS DX, INC	Chlorine for Water Plant.	\$6,861.60
9. Republic Services Inc	Commercial container services for October 2024.	\$9,743.60
10. Republic Services Inc	Sludge disposal for October 2024.	\$12,958.29

11. TCEQ	Discharge permit FY2025.	\$29,940.96
12. TML Intergovernmental	Insurance and Bonds 2024-2025.	\$279,663.58

Councilmember Konidis made a motion to approve the invoice list for November 18, 2024 and Mayor Pro Tem McAdams seconded. Councilmember Dugas asked about the 3rd and 4th quarter payments to the Chamber. Councilmember Dugas then asked about the advertising expenses for the Pecan Festival and Finance Director Lamar Ozley stated that was previously approved for that amount. Mayor Borne asked if the SO² room is yearly or was it just needed and Public Works Director Troy Foxworth stated it was needed. There were no further questions and the motion passed unanimously.

CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN:

- A. SECTION 551.071 (2) – CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY WHEN THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY SEEKS THE ADVICE OF ITS ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:14 p.m.

Mayor Borne then stated that there will be no action taken on the Executive Session at this time.

Mayor Borne then asked for Councilmember comments and Councilmember Konidis congratulated the Mayor and City Marshal on their election win. There were no further comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.



Mayor Borne

ATTEST:



City Clerk

