

September 16, 2021

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date with the following present; Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Judy Garrett, Tammy Straw, Robert Ervin, and Vicki Brown. See attachment for others in attendance.

Mayor Perry led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order @ 5:19 p.m.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Commissioner Brown. Motion carried 4-0.

Lisa Laminack addressed the commission under Citizens Forum. Mrs. Laminack expressed the need to have police patrol around the school. Mr. Winter, Superintendent, also reaffirmed how the police patrol both during school hours and at sporting events was very much appreciated and wanted it to continue please. Denver Rainey agreed and expressed his appreciation both to the city and the community for the support shown them during the loss of Alice. Denver also expressed that "Alice was not upset about not having an escort" to the funeral service. He had heard the Commission was not happy with this situation.

Reports were submitted at the first meeting.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to move forward with demolition with a second from Commissioner Brown. This structure is located at 220 E State St. Gorman. Motion carried 4-0.

Rhonda Howie was present representing Eastland County Crisis Center. Rhonda spoke about the services provided and outreach programs offered by the center. She also reminded the Commission that they have worked with the Gorman Police Dept. on numerous cases.

Resolution 2021-9-16 was read. Commissioner Ervin made the motion to pass and adopt this resolution with a second from Commissioner Garrett. Motion carried 4-0. This resolution states that the City will be responsible for \$43,822.00 towards the State Highway 6 project. The first payment will be for \$5000.00, due on or before October 1, with 3 annual payments of \$12,940 due on October 1<sup>st</sup> for years 2022, 2023, 2024.

Commissioner Straw has contacted an electrician to look at the pump house at the swimming pool. She will present that bid once it is prepared. No action was required.

Commissioner Garrett made the motion to have the quorum number amended in the City Charter to reflect the number of Commissioners. This amendment has to be placed on the general ballot at the May election. A quorum currently would be 2 Commissioners and Mayor. The Charter was adopted when only two commissioners and a mayor served. Commissioner Straw made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Brown wants assurance that the City will always provide escorts for funeral service. If the police department has legitimate cause and cannot cover this, arrangements will be made to have the escort provided per another agency or within personnel. Commissioner Brown also confirmed how important police presence and patrolling is before, during, and after school, as well as their presence seen at sporting events. The Commission agreed to the very importance of protecting and caring of our school system. This should clarify all understandings of how the City Commission affirms school patrol and their appearance at school events. The officer does not have to stay continually throughout school/sporting events, but to find a reasonable medium with patrolling and general duties.

Mayor Perry composed letters for TxDOT referencing lowering the speed limit on State Hwy. 6 through the city limits and will be mailing to three recipients.

There being no further agenda items for discussion, Commissioner Garrett made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Straw. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:28 p.m.

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Mayor David Perry

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City Secretary