

September 1, 2022

The Gorman City Commission met on September 1, 2022, in a Regular meeting with the following present. Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Robert Ervin, Luis Ramirez, and Tammy Straw. Absent was Bill Miears. City Employees attending were PWD Joe Williams, City Clerk Joni Ettinger, Chief of Police Steven Anderson, and EDC Director Trinity Davis. Others attending were Ray Daniels, Margaret Hetrick, Darren and Julie Clark, Caitlyn Clark, Kenny Welch, Mark and Jerilyn Wilkerson, Vicki Brown, Jerry Brown, Seth Johnson, Ruth Campbell, Denver Rainey, and Gary Smith representing Grantworks.

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

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order @ 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction of Commission not Commissioner in paragraph 7. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0. 

Commissioner Straw made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to move to item #11 the resolution awarding administrative services for the 2023-24 TxCDBG. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Gary Smith, representing Grantworks was present for any questions the Commission or citizens might have regarding funding thru the TxCDBG Program. After several statements and discussions Commissioner Ervin made the motion to award contract to Grantworks INC to provide Texas CDBG application and project-related administration services for the 2023-24 TCDBG Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund project. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Kenny Welch addressed the Commission under the Citizens Forum he had concerns about expanding the city limits and the services to be provided and seeking assurance that the rates were not discounted. He would still like to see the remainder of the debris cleared on the lot south of him.

EDC Director Trinity Davis presented the EDC monthly report, followed by PWD Joe Williams with the public works report. Chief of Police presented his report for the month. It was also discussed considering sending an applicant through the police academy. Chief Anderson expressed concerns about some of the applicants which had applied for patrol officer. Background checks had thrown up red flags. He also requested the Commission have an item on the next agenda referencing the new dispatch system – software system. This new system will not interact with the City's current court software. IF changes are made accordingly, it will be about \$6000. More information will be collected regarding this.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to cast vote on the ballot for TML board of director Region 6 Steven Haynes. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Item #8 will be acted on at the October 6th Regular Commission meeting.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2022-09-01, an ordinance allowing for the collection of property taxes for the 2022 year. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to adopt the resolution awarding Jacob Marin Engineering for engineering/ architectural/ and surveying services for the TxCDBG for the TxCDBG Fund Project. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Julie Clark addressed the Commission regarding events which took place at her mother's residence, Jerry Brown. Each of these events law enforcement was requested. Jerry Brown lives at 323 S Fisher here in Gorman. Mrs. Clark, as well as other family members felt that Chief Steven Anderson did not communicate with the family. They felt he did not follow through to find a proper resolution to either incident. The family felt like Chief Anderson should have provided more information to them to allow for adequate closure and acknowledgement of what action was taken. Chief Anderson expressed his view upon the subject matter. He explained his course of action and why he felt he had resolved the issues. No action was taken by the City Commission.

Agenda item #14 was acknowledged with Chief Anderson's department report.

The mayor gave a report on the property cleanup violation letters. The Commission would also like to discuss the matter of animal control on the next agenda. There being no further items for consideration, Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Straw. Motion carried 3-0, time was 7:29 p.m.

Mayor David Perry

City Secretary

