

August 3, 2023

August 3, 2023 The Gorman City Commission met on the above date with the following present: Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Robert Ervin, Luis Ramirez, Bill Miers and Tammy Straw. Others in attendance were PWD Joe Williams, EDC Director Trinity Davis, City Clerk Joni Ettinger, Animal Control John Perez, Denver Rainey, Mary Jo Duggan, Kenny Welch, and Ruth and Brad Campbell.

Mayor Perry led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with a second from Commissioner Miers. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to approve the bills for payments with a second from Commissioner Straw. Motion carried 4-0.

Kenny Welch and Mary Jo Duggan asked about after-hour dog calls. Kenny Welch asked about Betty Huffs water usage as it went up this month. Joe went to her house determined there was no leak.

PWD Joe Williams gave his department head report, followed by John Perez and Trinity Davis. Mayor Perry gave the sheriff's office report in their absence.

The discussion of inspections of unoccupied/abandoned buildings determined that if it comes to a hearing, we will use COG's certified code enforcements. A specific list would be made for him, and he will take to judge. If the building needs to be demolished it will be brought before the commission. No motions were made at this time.

Denver Rainey addressed the commission explaining he would like for the commissioners to take up a new hobby. Denver Rainey presented the commission with pictures of the alley/ditch behind his building stating that it floods when it rains. Denver requested that city pay half of his bill due to his water being cloudy. Commissioner Miers asked Denver about the cost of one of his buildings which Denver gave the cost of \$12,000. No action was taken.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to set the proposed 2023 tax rate @ .80000/\$100.00.

Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Miers made the motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance 9-7-2023 An Ordinance Adopting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2023. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

The commission discussed the Water Tower CDBG Project: Consider Change to Purchase Tower Rather than Repair. The commission agreed at this time to move forward with repair. Get engineer to bid as replacing the top.

There being no further agenda items for consideration Commissioner Miers made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 4-0, time was 7:25 p.m.