

September 7, 2023

The city commission met on the above date with the following present; Mayor David Perry , Commissioners Luis Ramirez, Tammy Straw, Bill Miears and Robert Ervin. Absent was Commissioner Luis Ramirez due to a work conflict. Others attending were City Clerk Joni Ettinger, PWD Joe Williams, John Perez, EDC Director Trinity Davis, Sheriff Weger and Deputy Jessie Overton, Milton Woodrow and Sharon Horner, Kenny Welch, Brad & Ruth Campbell, Mary Jo Dugan, Ron Childers, Margaret Hetrick, Olin Harrington, Tyler Johnson, Josh & April James, Jessica Maupin, and Cindy Stanley.

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 Straw made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to skip to item #5, Citizen Input with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyler Johnson requested on behalf of GISD to close the street which runs from the football field entry and around between the old gym-ag shop-bus barn and intersects with State Street. This street really does not need any traffic during school hours, especially when buses are loading and unloading. The commission stated this would be on the next agenda and they will approve this closure officially at that time.

April James, Woodrow Horner, Cindy Stanley addressed the Commission regarding the property tax rate. Mrs. Dugan expressed the need for housing for all fire trucks and the need to seek a grant for a building. She also thinks the commission needs to plan for a new water tower.

Olin Harrington suggested that the Commission look into a new survey regarding the boundaries of the city limits.

Ruth Campbell addressed the Commission regarding animal control and updates on what is being done for her dog bite incident.

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

Reports were submitted by department heads, EDC Director Trinity Davis, PWD Joe Williams, ACO John Perez, and Sheriff Jason Weger.

Cameron Gulley, CPA, presented both the 2021-22 and the 202-23 Audit reports. After explanation and discussion, Commissioner Ervin made the motion to adopt and approve these audits with a second from Commissioner Miears. Motion carried 3-0.

Upon considering citizen input and discussion of all numbers and values to take into consideration, Commissioner Miears made the motion to adopt the No New Revenue rate of .740512 instead of the proposed rate of .800000. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Miears made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance #09-07-2023, an ordinance adopting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2023. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance # 2023-10-05, an ordinance repealing the curfew ordinance. Commissioner Miears made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to approve and adopt Resolution 9-7-2023, a resolution proclaiming October 5th as World Teacher's Day in the city of Gorman. Commissioner Miears made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Due to continued rising costs, and fuel prices not taking a downward trend, Republic will increase trash service pick up by 2%. Heeding the advice of the city auditor Commissioner Straw made the motion to increase our cost to customers the same 2%. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Karen Pena passed on information to City Secretary Tacy Warren stating that funds were available for Senior luncheons. Karen stated she simply does not have the time and was requesting the City to manage the funds and possibly set up luncheons for senior citizens at least quarterly for a while. Tacy will set these dates up and contact as many as possible. Details will need to be nailed down before starting this, but dates will be set soon and the word will be gotten out the best way possible. Commissioner Straw made a motion to approve this with a second from Commissioner Miears. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further action to consider Commissioner Ervin made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Miears. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor David Perry

City Secretary