

August 1, 2024

The Gorman City Commission held a Public Hearing on this date @ 5:15 p.m. to determine whether a building on the property is South 100 X 125 of Lot 11 & All of Lot 12, Block VI, S/D 2OT of Gorman, commonly known as 333 and 334 S Fisher. Owner Bobby Wells of Eastland, TX. Action will be taken in a Regular Open meeting immediately following this public hearing. Bobby Wells was not in attendance. Chuck and Cheri Troutman attended the public hearing as they are next door to this property and are very interested in getting it cleaned up and the area made safer, as part of a tree has already fallen on the roof of the smaller house which is being considered for demolition. The public hearing closed at 5:35 p.m.

Mayor Perry led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. Mayor Perry called the Regular Meeting to order @ 5:36 p.m. Noting those in attendance were Mayor Perry, Commissioners Robert Ervin, Bill Miears, April James, and Luis Ramirez. Others attending were Joni Ettinger City Clerk, of CWS David Ratliff, Tanner Abbott and Doug Burks, ESCO Larry Watson, from Republic Joseph Spano, and James Flores, Joe Williams PWD, Brad & Ruth Campbell, Kim Brown, Tiffany Childers, Bill and Donna Morgan new superintendent and wife also counselor, Mary Jo Dugan, Josh James, and Olin Harrington.

After the reading of the minutes of previous meetings Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve all minutes with a second from Commissioner Miears. Motion carried 4-0. Three separate minutes were read.

Commissioner Miears made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Commissioner James made a second motion carried 4-0.

Under Citizens Forum Mrs. Dugan gave an update of the food bank. She emphasized the work of the great volunteers at the food bank.

After hearing information presented by the code enforcement (Mayor Perry) stating the structure is substandard due to violations of the minimum standards for buildings set forth in City Ordinance No 2020-03-05B Commissioner Ervin made the motion to order the owner to demolish and remove the building within 30 days of the date of this order. The City will demolish the building and assess its expenses for doing so as a lien on the property if the owner does not comply with this order within the time established. Commissioner Miears made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports were given and or submitted by each department. Sheriff Deputy Larry Watson gave the SO report. Joe Williams submitted his public works report, and Mayor Perry read the EDC report.

County Waste Service (CWS) and Republic were each in attendance with regard to the award of the solid waste disposal contract. David Ratliff, Tanner Abbott, and Doug Burks represented CWS and Mr. Ratliff addressed the commission for consideration of the contract. Joseph Spano and James Flores were present representing Republic Services. Joe Spano addressed the Commission for consideration of the solid waste contract. After discussion and consideration Mayor Perry asked for recommendation of the company to retain, CWS or Republic, Commissioner James made the motion to retain CWS, with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion tied 2-2. In a tie situation the mayor acts as the tie breaker, the only time he can vote. Mayor Perry voted to remain with Republic Services. The vote being

2 for CWS, and 3 for Republic Services. Republic Services is awarded the contract of solid waste for the City of Gorman.

After reviewing the No New Revenue rate and the Voter Approval Rate and the total property values for the City of Gorman for the 2024 tax year, Commissioner James motioned to set the rate of the No New Revenue .738405/\$100 (effective rate). Commissioner Ramirez made a second, motion carried 4-0. First reading of Ordinance 2024-09-05 an ordinance levying taxes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024. Commissioner James made the motion to accept the first reading with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 4-0. Final vote on the property tax rate, and second reading of said ordinance will be September 5, 2024.

Mayor Perry requested a 5-minute break before moving to the personnel item in order to formally meet the new superintendent and wife.

**@ 7:03 p.m.** Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to adjourn into executive session with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 4-0.

**@7:37** Commissioner Miears made the motion to re-enter open session with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 4-0.

Due to lack of a motion to accept the resignation of John Perez, the motion died with no action.

There being no further agenda items for consideration Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner James. Motion carried 4-0, time was 7:51 p.m.

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Mayor David Perry

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City Secretary`