

September 5, 2024

The Gorman City Commission met on the stated date in a Regular meeting. Those in attendance were Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Robert Ervin, Luis Ramirez, April James and Bill Miers. Others attending were Joni Ettinger, Mary Jo Dugan, ECSD Deputy, Kim Brown, Brad & Ruth Campbell, Margaret Hetrick and Joshua James.

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 a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 4-0. Type errors will be corrected, no change.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the bills as presented with a second from commissioner Miers. Motion carried 4-0.

Mary Jo Dugan requested a 90-day comment – public hearing on utility group wanting to submit proposal.

The sheriff's deputy gave the sheriff's monthly report, PWD Joe Williams and EDC Director submitted their reports. The Commission requested that Joe turn in a dead meter report each month, Joni will have to run this for him once he turns in the readings.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2024-09-05 an ordinance levying taxes for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024. Commissioner Miers made a second, motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner James made the motion to adopt the Ad Valorem Property Tax rate of .738405 per \$100 value. Commissioner Ramirez made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to postpone action on the water increase and consult with the auditor before deciding. Commissioner Miers made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Miers made the motion to contract with McCreary, Veselka, Bragg and Allen for collection of delinquent water utility accounts. Commissioner James made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to amend the vendor Ordinance 2022-10-06, waiving the registration fee for the EDC sponsored Food Truck Tuesday event at the RV park. Identifying information for the vendors would be conveyed to the city by the EDC. Commissioner Miers made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The mayor entertained the suggestion of solar lighting on the newly repaired and painted water tower. Discussion regarding the leaks at the community center and how to hold the contractor accountable was discussed. Tacy had mailed a letter to Steve Justice, as of this date no reply. The rerouting of discharge (when in the event of discharge) at the wastewater plant was discussed. The adjoining new property owner has initiated dozer work which interferes with the flow of water. This is being looked into.

There being no further items Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner James. Motion carried 4-0. Time was 6:42 p.m.

Mayor David Perry

City secretary