

GROVETON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED, that the City Council of the City of Groveton, Texas met in a Regular Session Meeting on Monday March 26, 2018 to discuss the following:

Council Members in Attendance:

Councilman Stephen Casper
Councilman Tommy Walton
Councilman Joe Don Kennedy
Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Bennett
Councilman Robert Smith

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Byron Richards. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were given.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting February 26, 2018 as presented. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Casper. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: No Citizens present for the Public Forum.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief John Raiford presented to Council the Citation and Arrest, Call for Service, Crash report. He also introduced an applicant for the part time 16 hours a week position for the Police Department. Ms. Alissa White works for the Trinity County Sheriff's office as a dispatcher. She would like to continue working for the Sheriff's office and part time for the City of Groveton. A motion was made by Councilman Bennett to approve to hire Alissa White as the part time 16 hours a week position for Groveton Police Department. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

STREET & BRIDGES: A written report was submitted to Council to review of the street maintenance performed throughout the City.

WATER & SEWER: Mike Brown with Inframark presented to Council the monthly report and invoicing for the water and sewer operations. He stated that there was one excursion for the month at the sewer plant. We had exceeded our average monthly flow. The total purchased water was 1,175,000 and total gallons from the well was 1,478,000. The flushing amount for the month was 399,250. There were two sewer stoppages and two water leaks to investigate. Jack Paschetag, the City's accountant questioned Mr. Brown on the CSI charge. He stated that this was not in the contract and asked if the flat charge for this inspection would be \$65.00. Mr. Brown informed Council that the CSI charge is \$65.00 and any extra charges are hourly rates now in the new Contract.

A motion was made by Councilman Walton to approve the invoicing of \$6,367.42 for Inframark. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Casper. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Burl and Patty Nash were present for the meeting regarding their water bill. Mr. Nash stated that the water bill was very high and showed a usage of 19,400 gallons used for one month. She informed Council that they had no leaks or broken pipes. Mayor Richards stated that the meter was tested for 10 gallons and registered 10 gallons. Mayor informed Mr. & Mrs. Nash that the City of Groveton offers a payment plan for customers that have a high water bill.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Commissioners for the Housing Authority for the City of Groveton. The five names on the Board and up for renewal were Benny McClain, Phillip Bennett, Maretha Lawrence, Alton Mericle, and Reginald Bowers. A motion was made by Councilman Casper to approve the appointment of these Commissioners for the Housing Authority of the City of Groveton, Texas for a two year term. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Kennedy. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

Mayor Richards informed Council for the Election May 5, 2018, an election judge and alternate judge needs to be appointed. It was suggested Rita Danford for the election judge and Judy Hamilton for the alternate judge. A motion was made by Councilman Bennett to approve Rita Danford and Judy Hamilton for the judges. A second to the motion was made by Councilman Casper. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

The next item was to set the hourly rate for the judges and clerks for the City's Election. A motion was made by Councilman Bennett to approve \$12.00 an hour for the judges and clerks that work on Election Day May 5, 2018. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Casper. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

The presentation scheduled for Pro-Star Waste by Joseph Walker was postponed at Councilman Kennedy's request. Councilman Kennedy provided Council information concerning proper procedures for procuring services from prospective vendors. After discussion, Mayor Richards and Council agreed to postpone the presentation and consult with City Attorney, Bob Flournoy, concerning the matter.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Richards stated that the water project on Highway 94 was making progress.

On April 17, 2018 there will be an Economic Development Seminar in the City of Groveton from 9:30 to 1:30pm at the First Methodist Hall. The City Council is invited.

ADJOURN: With there being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Councilman Kennedy to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council. Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Byron Richards, Mayor

ATTEST:

**Donna Dial
City Secretary**