

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 December 18, 2017 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 Casper to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting November 27, 2017 as presented. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: Jabo West, supervisor for the street maintenance dept. was present for the meeting. He complimented the ladies in the City Hall Office stating they are doing a great job.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief Raiford informed Council that it has been a busy month with the Thanksgiving Holidays. He presented a citation report with the arrest, call for service, crash, offense, incident reports too.

Mayor Richards questioned Chief Raiford on the damage to Tahoe #2. The repairs on this vehicle was \$1300.00. Chief Raiford stated that he was searching for a cheap car for the reserves to use when on duty for the City.

Also he informed Council that Officer Richard Steptoe was running for the JP Precinct #4 position. If he succeeds there would be no conflict with Mr. Steptoe working as a Police Officer for the City.

Police Chief Raiford introduced Mr. Victor Miles at the last meeting for a reserve position. A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy to approve Victor Miles for a reserve officer for the City of Groveton. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Casper. 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 STE presented to Council the monthly report and invoicing for the water and sewer operations. He stated that there were no excursions for the month at the sewer plant. He also informed Council that Inframark

was the new name for the Company. Mr. Jenkins has sent the new contract to the corporate office and we are waiting to hear from them. The total purchased water was 1,278,000 and total gallons from the well was 1,420,000. The flushing amount for the month was 262,500. There were no additional invoicing on this month billing. A motion was made by Councilman Walton to approve the invoicing of \$5,700.00 for Inframark. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Smith. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Richards informed Council that a renewal for the compensation to the Mayor and Council Member had to be approved for 2018. A motion was made by Councilman Kennedy to approve the renewal of compensation for the Mayor and Council Members. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Casper. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

Debbie Wilson, the animal control officer for the City of Groveton was present for the meeting. She stated that she had received donations from the 4-H for the animals in the dog kennels. There were collars, leashes, and dog food donated. Mrs. Wilson informed Council that she had started a non-profit organization to help get the animals neuter or spayed. She stated that one hundred twenty (120) animals were picked up in the City of Groveton and seventy (70) to eighty (80) have been placed in a rescue shelter this year. She would like to amend the Animal Control Ordinance and put mandatory neutering or spaying for the animals. This would cut down the pet population. It was suggested that she research other City's Ordinance and present to Council the one she recommends for the City of Groveton to adopt.

MAYOR REPORT'S: Mayor Richards stated that the Trinity County Groveton Airport project will start in the first quarter of 2018.

On the TXDOT Sidewalk Improvement Project, he stated that the construction will not start until 2019.

With there being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Councilman Walton to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Casper. Motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays from Council. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Byron Richards, Mayor

ATTEST:

Donna Dial
City Secretary