

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 June 25, 2018 to discuss the following:

Council Members in Attendance:

Councilman Stephen Casper

Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Bennett

Councilman Tommy Walton

Councilman Joe Don Kennedy

Council Member not in Attendance:

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 May 21, 2018 as presented. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council. A motion was made by Councilman Casper to approve the minutes for the Special Called Meeting June 4, 2018 as presented. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

PUBLIC FORUM: Shirley Hubbard who lives on Fears Street was present for the meeting. She stated the properties around her house are all grown up. Ms. Hubbard informed Council she sees fox and deer in these wooded area. She informed Council she has two little dogs and is concerned on their safety when she lets them outside. Mayor Richards will consider to get answers to her problem and to talk to Judge Doug Page on this situation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Police Chief John Raiford was not present at the meeting due to illness.

STREET & BRIDGES: A written report was not submitted to Council to review of the street maintenance performed throughout the City.

WATER & SEWER: Todd Threlkeld with Inframark presented to Council the monthly report and invoicing for the water and sewer operations. He stated there was no excursion at the sewer plant for the month. The total purchased water was 1,480,000 and total gallons from the water well was 1,504,000. The flushing amount for the month was 198,000. There were several extra work orders for checking and testing water meters for customers due to high usage for the month. At the sewer plant there was a general repair for the flow meter. A motion was made by Councilman Walton to approve the invoicing of \$6,136.18 for Inframark. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Kennedy. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

Mayor Richards stated that a invoicing for 5-22-18 Invoice Number 1123400 from Inframark needed approval to be paid. A motion was made by Councilman Walton to approve the invoicing of \$1,636.18 for Inframark. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Bennett. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Richards informed Council the City could submit a TxCDBG Project application for 2019-2020 for street improvements. The first item to do was to select a Grant Administrator for the Service. The City of Groveton had to select three administrators, the City would like to send a request for a proposal. There were three category required to send the proposals to. The City of Groveton received one proposal from Raymond K. Vann & Associates, LLC. The proposal was evaluated and scored. It was recommended by Mayor Richards and the committee for Raymond K. Vann & Associates. A motion was made by Councilman Casper to approve to award Raymond K. Vann & Associates for the Grant Administrator for the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Project. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Bennett. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

The next item was for GEDC. Mayor Richards stated the coordinator for GEDC works twenty (20) hours a week. It was recommended to increase the hours to twenty nine (29) hours a week. A motion was made by Councilman Bennett to approve to increase the hours to twenty nine (29) hours a week. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council.

Jack Paschetag the city's accountant informed Council he attended a meeting with TWDB and Mark Evans who is in charge of all the teams that work with loan and grants for water project. The City of Groveton is in Team 4. The City had submitted an application and by the end of June we will be scored and ranked. Then all the scored and ranked applications will be submitted to the TWDB for review. There is a total of \$250,000,000 dollars available for projects, but only \$16,000,000 is available for grants. The City could be invited for the 1st round of consideration for funding in late August depending on the rank and availability of funds. The City will receive a letter if selected. If the is not invited in the 1st round, the city could submit an online loan application immediately, but wait until October to see what grant funds might be available. The City could apply for a 100% loan with TWDB.

The total cost of the water well project is 2,195,000 with 70% grant \$1,536,500 and 30% loan \$658,500. If the loan is 20 years @ 2.26% interest it would be \$40,924.08 annually or \$3,410.34 monthly. If we increased to 30 years at 2.36% interest it would \$30,627.00 annually or \$2,552.25 monthly. These are the current interest rates.

Mr. Paschetag informed Council he would be meeting with Danny Hays, KSA Engineer to discuss several items. He will inform Danny on the Pennington offer and how a connection to Pennington could be included in the \$2,195,000 project. Also information defined in the TWDB application and how the new water well project could be divided up in smaller installments so that work could be started with a loan from TWDB.

Mr. Paschetag stated he would like to transfer from Water Savings to the General Fund \$25,000.00 to repay the debt. These funds go to the Street Maintenance Account. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to be considered and approved.

With there being no further business on the agenda, a motion was made by Councilman Casper to adjourn the meeting. A second to the motion was heard from Councilman Walton. Motion carried with 4 ayes and 0 nays from Council. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Byron Richards, Mayor

ATTEST:

**Donna Dial
City Secretary**