

January 5, 2023

The Gorman City Commission met on the above referenced date. Those attending were Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Luis Ramirez and Robert Ervin. Absent were Bill Mears and Tammy Straw. Others attending were EDC Director Trinity Davis, City Clerk Joni Ettinger, Kenny Welch, Margaret Hetrick, Melinda Harrington, Melinda Abbe, Mary Jo Dugan, Ruth Campbell, and Jane Kroese.

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 Ervin made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings, with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ramirez motioned to approve the bills for payment with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried.

Ruth Campbell addressed the Commission regarding too many dogs at large. During the course of this meeting others did express more concerns with dogs and dogs roaming in groups of three and four. The Mayor and Commission encouraged to take pictures etc and file written complaints with the City municipal judge.

Melinda Harrington and Melinda Abbe of the GHA addressed the Commission again requesting clarification regarding emergencies occurring at the apartments and the hotel. The Commission and the Sheriff advised to always call 9 1 1 dispatch.

Kenny Welch discussed an issue he had regarding the reporting of a stolen item from his pickup. But overall, he was so pleased with sheriff's department being on Highway 6 and their being seen slowing traffic down some.

Sheriff Weger gave a report of the calls of service, warnings, and citations. PWD Joe Williams had submitted his report. EDC Director Trinity Davis presented the EDC report and updates.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #2023-01-05 an ordinance reducing the speed limits while TXDOT has highways under construction. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried.

Jane Kroese addressed the Commission regarding a dog bite which she received on the 28th day of November. Mrs. Kroese explained when and where this occurred and the steps she took to get some kind of charges filed or some accountability to be established. She also explained she wished she would have been given more information and had more communication from the deputy which investigated this incident. Currently the complaint is in the hands of City Judge Kim Baggett.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the personnel policy regarding the City Commission organizational chart and the grievance presentation in the employee handbook. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried. The organizational chart will be placed with ordinance # 2022-11-03C and in the employee policy handbook.

Commissioner Ramirez motioned to keep seeking more bids and to also obtain a bid for the sidewall on the north end of the 40'x40' shed and to have this back on the next agenda. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried.

At 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the contract employment with the Eastland County Sheriff's Dept. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried.

At 7:30 p.m. Commissioner Ervin made the motion to return to Regular Open Session with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ramirez requested to wait until the other commissioners and the city attorney could look over the contract before voting.

There being no further agenda items for consideration Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried; time was 7:40 p.m.

Mayor David Perry

City Secretary