

March 2, 2023

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date. Those present were Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Bill Miears, Tammy Straw, Luis Ramirez, and Robert Ervin. Others attending were Dale Garner and Charles Crumpton of AEL, City Clerk Joni Ettinger, Officer Simcik ECSO, EDC Director Trinity Davis, Mary Jo Duggan, and April and Josh 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 Ervin made the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting noting to add the work motion in paragraph 11. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Miears made the motion to approve the bills for payment with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion carried 4-0.

Item #5 – no one present to address the Commission.

Item #6- Mr. Constancio was unable to attend the meeting.

Reports were submitted by each department head. Deputy Simcik presented the report for the Sheriff's department, Trinity Davis submitted the EDC report and also covered agenda item #11 as May 6 has been secured for the tire recycle date and Joni gave a brief of the month. PWD had submitted his written report.

Deputy Simcik presented agenda item #8, the need for deactivation of the Gorman Police Dept. This will allow for all state reporting to move over to the Sheriff's department. This motion is deactivation only, not to abolish. Commissioner Ervin made the motion to deactivate the Gorman Police Department with a second from Commissioner Straw. Motion carried 4-0.

Deputy Simcik also presented the Racial Profiling report. This report must be filed annually. Deputy Simcik stated there were no complaints made. Commissioner Miears made the motion to approve the report for filing with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion carried 4-0.

Dale Garner and Charles Crumpton of Abilene Environmental Landfill wanted to acquaint themselves with the city to present the services available through their company. AEL would like to be considered in the future.

The May General Election has 2 positions to be on the ballot, Commissioner Place #1 and Commissioner Place #3. One candidate has made application for a place on the ballot for Place #1 and one candidate has made application for Place #3. Each candidate is running unopposed. Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to certify the candidates and certify each are running unopposed. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Straw made the motion to adopt Resolution to order the cancellation of the May 6, 2023 General Election as both positions being sought are running unopposed and no amendments nor propositions are to be on the ballot. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to adopt Resolution 3-2-2023A designating authorizing signatories for the 2022 Texas CDBG Program grant agreement CDM22-0068. Commissioner Miers made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

(Item #17) Commissioner Miers made the motion to adopt Resolution 3-2-2023B designating signatories for the 2022 Texas CDBG grant agreement CDV21-0084. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to approve resolution adopting required CDBG Civil Rights Policies for both Grant CDM22-0068 and CDV21-0084. Commissioner Miers made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Miers made the motion to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month as the proclamation will help fulfill Fair housing activity obligations as required by the grant CDM22-0068 and grant CDV21-0084. Commissioner Straw made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez presented an idea of forming a volunteer group for repairs, maintenance, general revitalizing downtown awnings, window, etc. The Commission agreed the idea would be very beneficial for businesses and buildings and the overall appearances. No action was taken, but the Commission is in full support to move forward with this idea and get it in motion.

Mayor Perry addressed the matter of amending the Animal Control Ordinance. This would address enforcement or not of the number of animals to the size of the lot.

There being no further items for consideration, Commissioner Miers made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Straw. Motion carried 4-0, time was 7:00 p.m.

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Mayor David Perry

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Secretary