

October 5, 2023

The Gorman City commission met on the above date with the following present: Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Luis Ramirez, Bill Mears and Robert Ervin. Tammy Straw was absent. Others attending were PWD Joe Williams, City Clerk Joni Ettinger, Margaret Hetrick, EDC Director Trinity Davis, Fire Chief Dylan Cogburn, Deputy Overton, Mary Jo Dugan, and Josh and April 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 meetings with a second from Commissioner Mears. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to approve the bills as reported with a second from Commissioner Mears. Motion carried 3-0.

Fire Chief Dylan Cogburn reported that the VFD had also received another grant from the Forestry Service. Chief Cogburn also stated that the new truck or pickup would not be available for delivery until probably December 2024. Deputy Overton gave the monthly report on behalf of the Sheriff's Depart. PWD Joe Williams gave his monthly report. EDC Director Trinity Davis gave EDC monthly report.

Item #7 addressed the EDC board member appointment. Trinity reported that there were 2 applications applying for the open position on the board. Commissioner Mears made the motion to approve both applicants and the EDC Board can appoint the candidate of their choice when the need arises. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Mears made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Ordinance #2023-11-02, an ordinance approving the closure of Ballard St where it runs between the football field parking lot, band hall, Ag Show Barn, old gym and old high school and bus barn. This street being open during the school bus drop off and loading has become less than safe. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of ordinance #2023-10-05 and adopt said ordinance. State law says it is now considered unlawful to impose a curfew. This ordinance will repeal the existing curfew ordinance #2022-11-03B. The City will no longer enforce curfew hours by ordinance. Commissioner Mears made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to adopt Resolution #10-5-2023, a resolution awarding contracts to vendors for the delivery of vehicles and equipment through CDBG FAST Grant. CFA22-0069. Commissioner Mears made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an interlocal agreement with Eastland County for the submission of an application, with selection, the development and completion of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) through the USDA Forestry Service CWDG. Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Miers made the motion to the interlocal Agreement to participate in the Eastland County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Commissioner Ervin made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to pass the rate increase on to the customer of 3.769% Commissioner Miers made a second. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Miers made the motion to move to item #14, with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Perry spoke briefly regarding his mayor update and report.

Karen Pena and Faye Cook, formerly over the Senior Citizen account approached Tacy to request that she take over the duty of overseeing and organizing the senior citizens luncheon, if the City Commissioners agree. The luncheons would convene again on a quarterly basis. The first luncheon will be completely catered and the future luncheons will be decided by the attendees. Tacy and Joni will be on bank signature card for this account. This account is still active and has accumulated enough funds to have meals catered for a year depending on attendance, if not longer. The county still donates \$75.00 each quarter. Commissioner Miers made the motion to approve the request with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 3-0. Donations will be discussed for those who attend.

There being no further items for consideration Commissioner Miers made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion carried; time was 6:30 p.m.

Mayor David Perry

City Secretary