

October 3 2024

The Gorman City Commission met on the above date with the following present. Mayor David Perry, Commissioners Robert Ervin, Luis Ramirez, April James and Bill Miears. Also attending were ECSO Jon Simcik, PWD Joe Williams, City Clerk Joni Ettinger, EDC director Trinity Davis, Margaret Hetrick, Mary Jo Dugan, and Kim Brown.

Mayor Perry led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

Mayor Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner James made the motion to approve the minutes as read with a second from Commissioner Ramirez. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Department head reports were submitted by Public Works Joe Williams, EDC Director Trinity Davis and Joni Simcik gave the Sheriff's department report. Mary Jo Dugan reported that 370 people were served at the food bank and bragged on how the youth groups from school have been working and assisting with food prep and handouts.

After research and consideration Commissioner James made the motion to increase utility rates by 5%. This decision came after studying the past rate studies and considering the rate increase from Upper Leon. Commissioner Miears made a second, the motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to accept the increase of contracted services with Eastland County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Ervin made a second to the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ervin made the motion to amend the General Proposed budget by \$6454.43 in the Street department. Commissioner Miears made a second. Motion carried 4-0. This amendment is due to the match portion of the DRP – CDBG Grant.

Commissioner Miears made the motion to accept the resignation of Public Works Director Joe Williams effective February 8, 2025. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried 3-1. Commissioner Ervin opposed.

@6:10 p.m. Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to convene into Executive Session with a second from Commissioner James. Motion carried 4-0.

@6:47 p.m. Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to convene to Open Session with a second from Commissioner Ervin. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner James made the motion to move Jeff Young to interim public works director, increasing the pay rate \$1.00 effective immediately, raising another \$1.25 upon retirement of Joe Williams. Commissioner Ramirez made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner Ramirez motioned to table the new hire pay scale and assessment and training. Commissioner Miears made a second. Motion carried 4-0.

Commissioner James made the motion to offer the open position to Doug Smith with a second from Commissioner Miears. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner James will contact Mr. Smith with the offer.

There being no further agenda items for consideration Commissioner Ramirez made the motion to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Miears. Motion carried 4-0, time was 6:55 p.m.

Mayor David Perry

City Secretary