#### Thursday, January 21

Fiesta pasta bowl, corn, hot roll, milk

#### Friday, January 22

Southwest chicken casserole, corn, tortilla chips, milk

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Ricky Royall reports that there are two types of bumps. One is a speed hump, which is less than 20 mph and the other is a speed bump, for speeds less than 15 mph. To make this happen, an engineering and traffic investigation would need to be done. Deputy Neal was asked to sit and watch traffic but the city has not yet received a report. It is reported that trucks and 18-wheelers go flying down the road and don't watch for kids playing and animals. Ricky Royall read parts of Section 544 from the Texas Transportation Code. He recommends putting up signs and weight limit signs. Stormy Vaughn asked if we could have TxDOT do the traffic count, then report to the deputies. She made the motion to add two new signs saying to watch out for children and to reduce speed The signs cost approximately \$575. Stormy was seconded by Ron Cooper and the motion passed with a

Stormy Vaughn asked Reese Braswell questions regarding the Economic Development Corporation 4B budget. She made the motion to approve the FY2020-2021 budget and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Reese Braswell answered all of the council's questions to the fact that the insurance company does not collect sales tax but plays a big part in the community and the board takes that in to consideration when reviewing applications. Ron Cooper made the motion to approve Lanette Fletcher's (dba Glenn-Bivins Insurance) Loan Forgiveness application for \$25,000. He was seconded by Lee Wommack and the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1. Steve Hines voted against. The EDC will schedule a public hearing to finish the process.

Teresa Ballard explained that the city does not have a written policy and procedure regarding buying back cemetery plots. In the past the council would buy back the plots with proof of purchase and what the plot sold for. Direction is needed from the council. Doris Sims has a receipt for purchasing two plots for \$200. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve the buying back of the two plots for \$200 from Doris Sims. He was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Stormy Vaughn was the leader on having revisions to the Republic Waste Services of Texas Contract 2020-2025, starting October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025. It is now ready for the council's

review and approval. Stormy went over the revised changes and pointed out in the contract items 17 and 21. Lee Wommack made the motion to approve the contract and was seconded by Stormy Vaughn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

The monthly curbside dates for the council to choose from is either the first Monday or first Saturday of each month. Republic Services expressed that the first Saturday would be the best option but it is up to the council to decide as they do not foresee any problems. Wommack made the motion to approve having curbside service on the first Saturday of each month, beginning in November. He was seconded by Stormy Vaughn and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0. Teresa Ballard will send out notifications and have visual aids posted on Facebook, newspaper, marquee, and website.

Mayor Gohman reports that City Hall has had several applications from the animal control/convenience center works but some of the applicants only applied for the animal control and others only applied for the convenience center position. Ricky Royall stated that senior employee, Ken Coalson, would like to continue in that position. The convenience center might go away except for limbs being dropped off but staff would still be needed there to open and oversee the operation. Mayor Gohman recommends separating the trapper and equipment operator positions and wants council approval. Stormy Vaughn would like to have the position name of trapper be changed to animal control official as listed in the animal ordinance. Lee Wommack made a motion separating the animal control official and equipment operator positions and was seconded by Santiago Rodriguez. The motion passed with a vote

The council went in to

executive session at 7:17 pm and reconvened in to open session at 7:38 pm. Lee Wommack made a motion to hire Tina Smith for a part-time city clerk position and was seconded by Steve Hines. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

The council took a break from 7:39 pm and continued the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Gohman turned the discussion over to Ron Cooper brainstorming enforcement priorities. For public nuisance regarding mowing, possibly give the residents a courtesy call or a door hanger that they need to mow before letters are sent out. Additionally, he would like for the main concentration to be on more substantial matters like identifying dangerous buildings and junked vehicles. The city could do that for a month and then change the main concentration to other matters.

Stormy Vaughn received multiple messages and some pictures regarding the RV at the cemetery being moved from the property, which is a direct violation of the ordinance. Ricky Royall was called to advise of the violation issue and he was to have the deputy take pictures. Stormy Vaughn asked if a warning could be issued as that is no longer a grandfathered RV and the resident can only live in the RV for 14 days. She read section 11.2, Non-Conforming Structures. Ricky Royall is asking the council how to proceed. The deputy should be contacted by the city to give the occupant a warning that her RV is no longer grandfathered and she can only live in the RV for a 14-day period. Then a citation should be issued and then sent on to the municipal judge, all according to the Stormy written ordinance. Vaughn read the section of the RV Ordinance 11.2, Section A, Provision 2 (a-d) that the city should be willing to trade a city owned lot for her lot located at the entrance to the cemetery. She would then be in compliance and could move to the one time "new" location in order to continue permanently living in the RV and to be grandfathered per provision.

Lee Wommack made the motion to approve the regular city council meeting minutes from September 17, 2020, and was seconded by Ron Cooper. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 1, with Stormy Vaughn abstaining.

Santiago Rodriguez made the motion to accept the aging report and was seconded by Lee Wommack. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Stormy Vaughn made the motion to accept the consent agenda September finance reports as follows: September deposits, bills paid, register, bank reconciliation for General, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, and Cemetery funds. She was seconded by Lee Wommack and the motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0.

Mayor Gohman distributed the sales tax trending report and it appears that it is continuing to hold up very well. He also mentioned where the city has been patching roads. vacant property located on the north side of town has been cleared and looks nice. Rick Royall put the backhoe in the shop for hydraulic problems and there have been sewer problems again behind Stripes.

Teresa Ballard reported that the mayor has renewed the required paperwork for the Grant Works HUD project and registration has been done for yearly training. The census is closing tonight. Thanks was given to council members Steve Hines and Lee Wommack for their support on the council.

Ron Cooper would like to see if the city could adopt the TxDOT property at the "Y". It is the first thing you see when coming in to town from that direction and it needs to be kept clean and mowed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

## Don't Mess with Texas scholarship accepting applications

Applications are now available for the 2021 Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest. This contest recognizes Texas high school seniors who are taking an active role in litter prevention in their school or community.

The contest is open to any Texas high school senior currently attending public, private or home school and planning to attend an accredited college or university in the Fall 2021 semester.

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