

The Special City Council Meeting of May 28, 2020 was held by a Zoom Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. The Instructions for the Electronic Teleconference was as follows:

- ZOOM MEETING
- <https://zoom.us/j/95486109201?pwd=YXVFeGhwK3p4MnhOYnNVUERLZ0tidz09>
- Meeting ID: 954 8610 9201
- Password: 8GZfTw

MAYOR

Mayor Mitch Thornton

COUNCILMEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem, Susan Darst
Council member Jennifer Nottingham
Council member Geri Poss
Council member Kimberly Verity

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley, City Secretary
Joni Baker, Assistant to City Secretary
Mark McLiney, SAMCO Capital
Jeff English, Grey Forest Utilities
Lynn Tiner

Mayor Pro Tem Darst declared a quorum with Council member Darst, Poss and Nottingham present. Mayor Thornton joined the meeting at 5:45 p.m. Council member Verity joined the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

1. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF “CITY OF GREY FOREST, TEXAS GAS SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020”; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS, TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING PRIOR LIEN OBLIGATIONS, BY A PRIOR AND FIREST LIEN ON AND PLEDGE OF THE NET REVENUES OF THE CITY’S NATURAL GAS SYSTEM ON A PARTY WITH CERTAIN CURRENTLY OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH BONDS AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE, AND DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT, AN ESCROW DEPOSIT LETTER, AND A PURCHASE AND INVESTMENT LETTER; COMPLYING WITH THE LETTER OF REPRESENTATIONS WITH THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF ANY NECESSARY ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY’S FINANCIAL ADVISORS AND/OR BOND COUNSEL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Mayor Pro Tem Darst introduced Jeff English who gave explanation of the bond savings. Jeff English stated the GFU Board of Trustees approved a resolution by unanimous vote yesterday on a meeting by phone for the refinance of the 2018 bonds. City Council must approve the refinance of those bonds in order to proceed. The refinance is through JP Morgan Chase Bank. By approving the refinance, the interest rate is reduced for the remaining life of the bond from 3.70% to 1.21%. The total savings will be about 1.2 Million over the remaining life of the bond. The amount financed will not increase and the same original maturity date will be retained. The only risk is that interest rates can go down more than they already have however with the advice of their bond advisors, with a rate as aggressive as this, it’s still a great rate. Council member Poss stated she agrees it’s a good idea to save money and has no concerns. Council member Nottingham stated she trusts Jeff English and agrees with him. Mayor Thornton joined the Zoom Meeting and stated he agrees with the refinance. Council member Nottingham asked if this would increase the amount of money GFU brings to the City. Jeff English stated the City would have to approach the Board of Trustee’s. Mayor Pro Tem Darst asked for citizen input. Lynn Tiner stated it sounds like a better deal and a good idea. He would probably vote for it if he was still on

Council. Council member Verity joined the Zoom Meeting. Council member Verity stated she spoke to Jeff English earlier today to get clarity. He answered the questions she had, and she is good with the refinance. ***The motion to approve the ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Grey Forest, Texas Gas System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 was made by Council member Poss. The motion was seconded by Council member Nottingham. Mayor Pro Tem Darst asked for a roll call vote. Council member Darst and Council member Verity voted for and no one voted no. The motion passed unanimously.***

There was no further business. Mayor Pro Tem Darst adjourned the Special City Council Meeting at 5:50 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shanwan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 23rd day of June, 2020.

Signed: 

Charles Mitchell Thornton, Mayor