

CITY OF CUERO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2021



2/8/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Announce A Quorum Is Present

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

Members present were Mayor Sara Post Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, Councilmembers John Fuqua, Tony Allen, Terry Glover, Brad Hedrick and Mitch Adams.

Staff Present were City Manager Raymie Zella, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, Police Chief Jay Lewis, City Attorney James Crain, Assistant to the Utility Director, Main Street Manager Sandra Osman, Cuero Development Corporation Director Bobby Seiferman, and City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt.

2. Invocation

City Attorney James Crain gave the invocation.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

Councilmember Tony Allen led the pledges.

4. Public Comments

No comments

5. Presentation And Recognitions

5.1. Presentation Of Connected Nation Broadband Project From Angie Cuellar

Chamber of Commerce Director Angie Cuellar talked about the survey that is being publicized regarding countywide broadband. The survey can be done online and is open for responses until May. It is called Connected Nation, it is a plan to improve internet access and speeds throughout the counties.

6. Council Consideration And Action Items

6.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Request From The DeWitt County Historical Commission 175th Celebration Committee For Additional Funding From Hotel/Motel Funds.

Mary Dell Brindley and Peggy Ledbetter, with the DeWitt County Historical Society, spoke about the planned events for the 175th Anniversary Celebration of DeWitt County. They requested additional funding of \$7000 from the Hotel/Motel tax fund.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the additional funding of \$7000.00 to the 175th DeWitt Celebration. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Authorizing The City Manager To Get A Survey Of The 100 Acre Property For The Proposed Airport.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick to authorize the City Manager to get the 100 acres of prison property surveyed. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Approving Funds From The Cares Act Funding To Purchase Two New Police Vehicles For \$90,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Hedrick, seconded by Councilmember Allen to table this item.

6.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action To Use Cares Act Funding For Painting Of Splash Pad (\$14,870)

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve \$14,870 from the Cares Act fund to paint the splash pad. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.5. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Using Cares Act Funding For Golf Cart Shed (\$13,280)

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, to approve \$13,280.00 from the Cares Act Funds for the improvements for the golf cart shed. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.6. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action To Use Cares Act Funds For Replacing New Wood Chip For Playground Area. (\$27,554.46)

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve \$27,544.46 from the Cares Act Funds for the replacement of wood chips for the playgrounds at the parks. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.7. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Approving \$15,000 From Cares Act Funding For Repairing And Replacing Curb And Driveways On W. Johnson, W. Cleveland, First And Gonzales Streets.

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve \$15,000 from the Care Act Funds to put toward the repairs of curbs and driveways on W. Johnson, W. Cleveland, First St. and Gonzales St. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.8. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Using Cares Act Funds For, Radios, Mics And Bunker Gear At The Cuero Fire Department. (\$10,000)

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve \$10,000 from the Cares Act Funds to put toward the purchase of bunker gear, radios and mics for the Cuero Fire Department. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.9. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Grant Request From Cuero Development Corporation For Christmas In The Park For Reimbursement For COVID-19 Related, Under Cares Act Expenses. (\$19,360.12)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Glover, to approve \$13,000 from the Cares Act Funds to reimburse Christmas in the Park for the security that was provided from the Cuero Police Department. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.10. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Grant Request From Cuero Development Corporation For Reimbursement For Covid-19 Related Expenses Under The Cares Act Funding For Local Business Grants. (\$103,743.75)

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover, to approve \$103,743.75 from the Cares Act Funds for reimbursement for Covid-19 related expenses for local business grants. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Ordinances - Emergency Reading

7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-03, Ordering A General Election To Be Held On May 1, 2021 To Elect District One, District Four And Two At Large Councilmembers And Declaring An Emergency.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve Ordinance No. 2021-03, ordering a general election for May 1, 2021. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-04. Ordering A Special Election To Amend The City Of Cuero Charter.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-04, ordering a special election on May 1, 2021 to amend the City Charter. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Second Reading Of An Ordinance

8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2021-02, Adopting "Grease Trap Regulations".

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-02. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Resolutions

9.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-04, Accepting, Approving And Awarding The Bid For The 2021-2022 Seal Coating For The City Of Cuero Streets.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve Resolution No. 2021-04, accepting and awarding bid for 2021-2022 seal coating projects to H&C Construction Company. The motion was approved unanimously.

9.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-05, Authorizing Submission Of An Application To The Office Of The Governor On Behalf Of The Cuero Volunteer Fire Department For A 2021 Radio Project Under The Homeland Security Grant Program.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve Resolution No. 2021-05, authorizing the submission of an application to the office of the Governor on behalf of the Cuero Volunteer Fire Department for a 2021 Radio Project under the Homeland Security Grant Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Reports

Rhonda Stastny presented information on how the 2021-2022 TXCDBG scoring works and deadline to have applications submitted.

Connie Hawes presented the 4th quarter FY 201-2020, 1st quarter 2020-2021 financial, FY 2020-2021 Investment report and the Hotel/Motel tax report to Council. The Audit is being worked on virtually and will not be ready until April or May.

11. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick, to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

11.1. Racial Profile Report

11.2. Council Meeting Minutes

11.3. Building Department Monthly Report

11.4. Municipal Court Monthly Report

11.5. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report

11.6. Library Monthly Report

11.7. Appoint Brian Cromeens To The Zoning Board Of Adjustments

12. Adjourn

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF MARCH, 2021

SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY