

# **CITY OF CUERO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 8, 2021**



3/8/2021 - 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 Bill Matthys, Councilmembers John Fuqua, Tony Allen, Terry Glover, Brad Hedrick, and Mitch Adams.

Staff Present, City Manager Raymie Zella, City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt, IT Manager Tony Malott, Assistant to Utility Supervisor/Grant Writer, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Finance Director Connie Hawes, City Attorney James Crain, and Main Street Manager Sandra Osman.

## **2. Invocation**

City Attorney James Crain gave the invocation.

## **3. Pledge Of Allegiance**

Councilmember Tony Allen led the pledge.

## **4. Public Comments**

No comments

## **5. Presentation And Recognitions**

### **5.1. Proclamation For Transportation Appreciation Day**

Mayor Meyer read a proclamation for Public Transportation Appreciation Day, March 18, 2021.

### **5.2. Scenic City Presentation From Sarah Tober, President**

Sarah Tober, President of Scenic Texas, presented Cuero with the recertification of Gold Status as a Scenic City.

### **5.3. Munipower Presentation**

Ned Brown from Schneider Engineering presented a power point to Council detailing how they will assist and provide the City with information on utilities throughout the year by using social media.

### **5.4. Presentation On Renovation Of 123 E. Main**

City Manager presented drawings of the former Camona building, converting it to a walk through from the Railroad parking lot to Main Street. Fisher/Heck are the architects for the project.

Councilmembers asked questions and made suggestions. A Committee will be formed to work with the architects.

### **5.5. After Report Of Winter Storm (URI) From City Manager**

City Manager, Raymie Zella gave an extensive report and answered questions from Council about the winter storm and the affects it had on the City stating that the City fared well compared to others.

Cuero did not have the rolling brown outs or went without water and did not have to do a boil water.

He explained that since Cuero has a hospital and dialysis center, that is a Tier 1 which prevents the electric going through the rolling brown outs. The electric rates for the month remained the same but explained that residents used more electric and water so their utility bill would be higher.

### **5.6. Covid-19 Update**

Governor Abbott issued a new declaration EO-GA-34, Opening Texas in reponse to Covid disaster to there are no Covid related operating limits for any business and individual are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings wherever not feasible to maintain six feet social distancing but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering. City Manager Raymie Zella informed Council that city buildings and employees will continue to wear face coverings until at least May.

## **6. Public Hearing**

- 6.1. Public Hearing On A Request To Amend Chapter 9 Planning And Development Regulations Sec. 1.102 Official Zoning Map By Changing The Zoning District To Consider The Request For A Zoning Change Of 4.18 Acre Tract A, 16.65 Acre Tract "B", 1.28 Acre Tract "C"; 0.87 Acre Tract "D" And 0.15 Tract "E", Situated In The Samuel Lockhart League, Abstract 28, DeWitt County, Being A Portion Of That 501 Acre Source Tract Recorded In Volume 358, Page 780 Of The Deed Of Records Of DeWitt County Texas, And 6.53 Acres Situated In The Samuel Lockhart League, Abstract 28, DeWitt County, Recorded In Volume 88, Page 24 Of The Deed Of Records Of DeWitt County, Texas, From AG (Agriculture) To I-1 (Industrial, General).**

No public comments

## **7. First Reading Of An Ordinance**

- 7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2021-07, Recommendation From Planning And Zoning Commission On The Request For A Zoning Change Of 4.18 Acre Tract A, 16.65 Acre Tract "B", 1.28 Acre Tract "C"; 0.87 Acre Tract "D" And 0.15 Tract "E", Situated In The Samuel Lockhart League, Abstract 28, DeWitt County, Being A Portion Of That 501 Acre Source Tract Recorded In Volume 358, Page 780 Of The Deed Of Records Of DeWitt County Texas, And An 6.53 Acre Tract Situated In The Samuel Lockhart League, Abstract 28, DeWitt County, Recorded In Volume 88, Page 24 Of The Deed Of Records Of DeWitt County , Texas, From AG (Agriculture) To I-1 (Industrial, General).**

Planning and Zoning Commission met and voted to recommend that this property be rezoned from AG-Agriculture to I1-Industrial. Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-07. the motion was approved unanimously.

## **8. Ordinances - Emergency Reading**

- 8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance NO. 2021-05 Canceling May 2021 General Election And Certifying The Unopposed Candidates.**

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick, to approve Ordinance

No. 2021-05 canceling the May 2021 General Election and certifying the unopposed candidates. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-06 Canceling The May 2021 Special Election, Charter Amendments**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve Ordinance No. 2021-06 canceling the May 2021 Special Election, Charter Amendments. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Resolutions**

**9.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-06, Authorizing And Approving Surveying Services For The City Of Cuero, Provided By Thomas Surveying For Professional Surveying Services.**

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua, to approve Resolution No. 2021-06, authorizing and approving survey services by Thomas Surveying. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-07, Suspending April 12, 2021 Effective Date Of The Proposal By Texas Gas Service Company To Implement Interim Grip Rate Adjustments For Gas Utility Investments In 2020.**

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys. to approve Resolution No. 2021-07, suspending April 12, 2021 effective date of the proposal by Texas Gas Service Company to implement interim grip rate adjustment. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-08, Approving The Bid For The Purchase Of City Owned Property Located In The Samuel Lockhart League, A-28, In DeWitt County, Texas**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve Resolution No. 2021-08, approving the bid for purchase of 16.65 acres of City owned property located in the Samuel Lockhart League, Abstract 28, DeWitt County, Texas. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-09, Approving And Awarding The Bid For The Infrastructure Improvements, GLO CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-063-C181.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick, to approve Resolution No. 2021-09 and awarding the bid for Infrastructure improvements, GLO CDBG-DR Contract No. 20-065-063-C181 to Lester Contracting, Inc. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9.5. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On First Reading Of Resolution NO. 2021-10, Approving Cuero Development Corporation Project Funding Exceeding \$10,000.**

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 2021-10, approving Cuero Development Corporation Project Funding exceeding \$10,000 for improvement for the city golf course at a cost of \$93,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9.6. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-11, On Request For Qualifications For Engineering Services For The City's CDBG-DR Application To The General Land Office, Select An Engineering Firm And Authorize The City Manager To Negotiate A Contract With The Highest Ranking Firm.**

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Glover, to approve Resolution No. 2021-11 selecting Urban Engineering firm and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

**10. Consent Agenda**

Motion made by mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

10.1. Council Meeting Minutes 2/8/2021

10.2. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report

10.3. Library Monthly Report

10.4. Appoint Mary Gale Brindley To The Museum Board For A One Year Term

10.5. Municipal Court Monthly Report

10.6. Building Department Monthly Report

10.7. Approving Bi-Laws For The Farmers Market

**11. Executive Session**

Mayor Meyer closed the regular meeting at 7:26 and opened the Executive session.

11.1. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.086 CHAPTER 551, TITLE 5 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. Executive Items May Be Discussed And Acted Upon, If Appropriate, In Open Session.

**12. RECONVENE TO OPEN MEETING**

12.1. RECONVENE PUBLIC MEETING TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION IN SECTION 11.1.(A) ABOVE WHICH INCLUDE A COMPETITIVE MATTER. REGARDING THE CITY OF CUERO'S MUNICIPALLY OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITY.

Mayor Meyer closed the Executive session at 7:55 pm and reopened the regular session. No action was taken.

**13. Adjourn**

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

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SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY