



CITY OF CUERO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2021

4/12/2021 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Announce A Quorum Is Present

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

Members present : 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, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Public Utility Supervisor Wayne Berger, Assistant to the Public Utility Supervisor Rhonda Stastny, Environmental Supervisor Cheryl Merzbacher, City Attorney James Crain, IT Manager Tony Malott and Police Chief Jay Lewis.

2. Invocation

City Attorney James Crain gave the invocation.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

Councilmember Tony Allen let the Pledges.

4. Public Comments

Rebecca Trusty addressed Council about a property next to her on E. Thomas Street that is unsanitary and has vehicles and trash all over stating that a septic smell is coming from there and asked that something can be done about it.

5. Presentation And Recognitions

5.1. Presentation Of Keep Texas Recycling Award To The City And Environmental Supervisor Cheryl Merzbacher For Outstanding Accomplishments In 2020

Director of Keep Texas Recycling, Rachel Hering presented Cheryl Merzbacher, Cuero Environmental Supervisor, award for Recycling in the City.

5.2. Introduction Of Matthew McClarin, Senior Warden At The Stephenson Unit.

Stephenson Unit Senior Warden, Matthew McClarin and Staff recruiting officer Fernado Perez greeted Council and talked briefly about being understaffed and that they want to work with the City on anything that they can assist with.

5.3. Fair Housing Proclamation

Mayor Meyer read the Fair Housing Proclamation

5.4. Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Meyer read the Arbor Day Proclamation

5.5. Monarch Butterfly Proclamation

Mayor Meyer read the Monarch Proclamation

5.6. Earth Day Proclamation

Mayor read the Earth Day Proclamation

5.7. Presentation From Mike Cavanaugh On Airport Update

Mike Cavanaugh and Ron Price presented Council with a powerpoint showing the exhibit of the proposed location on the 100 acres and explaining the next steps is to get the survey done.

6. Council Consideration And Action Items

6.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action To Accept The 2019-2020 Annual Financial Audit As Presented By Steve Van Manen, Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek.

Auditor Steve Van Manen briefly went over the 2019-2020 audit and reported that despite the Covid 19 pandemic that the City is still in good shape.

6.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Approval For The Rotary Club To Place A Rotary Peace Pole In The City Municipal Park.

Selina Condi, representing the Rotary Club presented photos of where they would like to put a "Peace Pole" and a bench in the Municipal Park. *May Peace Prevail on Earth* in different languages on each of its four or six sides. They will have a celebration on May 13th.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve the installation once staff checks for any underground wires and make sure that it will not interfere with Christmas scenes. The motion was approved unanimously.

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6.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Placement Of The "Rule Sign" At Hillside Cemetery And The Rock Columns.

Utility Supervisor, Wayne Berger showed what the rules sign would look like and the cost to do rock columns.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve the cost and to bring back the size of the sign to be used. Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Resolutions

7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021- 12, Authorizing The Submission Of A Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application To The Texas Department Of Agriculture For The Community Development Fund.

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick to approve Resolution No. 2020-12. the motion was approved unanimously.

7.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-13, Task Order From Schneider Engineering, To Convert A Portion Of Primary Overhead Distribution At The Municipal Park.

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve Resolution No. 2021-13 to contract with Schneider Engineering to engineer putting electric overhead underground. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-14, Authorizing And Approving Surveying Service For The City Of Cuero Being Provided By Urban Surveying For Service For Two Utility Easements Along Old Gonzales Rd.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Resolution No. 2021-14 , contracting Urban surveying to develop an utility easement alon Old Gonzales Rd. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Councilmember Hedrick, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve all items on the consent agenda as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.1. City Council Meeting Minutes 3/8/2021, 3/24/2021, 3/29/2021

8.2. Municipal Court Monthly Report

8.3. Building Department Monthly Report

8.4. Appoint Almaretta Echavarria To The Housing Authority Board For 2020-2022, Replacing Lisa Ivey And Appoint Debbie Riojas To Replace Farsythia Lee, And Reappoint Eula Mathis And Terry Stock For 2021-2023.

8.5. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report

8.6. Library Monthly Report

9. Executive Session

Council took a five minute break at 7:25 pm

Mayor Meyer and Council went into Executive Session at 7:35 pm.

9.1. Executive Session . PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 CHAPTER 551, TITLE 5 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. Executive Session Items May Be Discussed And Acted Upon, If Appropriate, In Open Session A. Personnel Matters Under Section 551.074 Texas Govt. Code. .

10. Reconvene Into Open Session.

Mayor Meyer closed executive session and opened regular session at 8:27 pm.

10.1. Reconvene Public Meeting To Take Necessary Action, If Any On Any Matter Discussed In Executive Session In Section 9.1 Above, Regarding The Evaluation Of The City Manager

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick to increase the City Manager's salary with associated benefits, \$10,000 to take effect immediately. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Adjourn

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF MAY, 2021

Sara Post Meyer

SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Jennifer Zufelt_____

JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY

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