



# **CITY OF CUERO**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **JUNE 13, 2022 5:00 PM**

6/13/2022 - Minutes

#### **1. Call To Order And Announce A Quorum Is Present**

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Members present: Mayor Sara Post Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Matthys, Councilmembers John Fuqua, Terry Glover and Mitch Adams.

Emil Garza absent

Staff present: City Manager Raymie Zella, Police Chief Jay Lewis, City Attorney Jay Lewis, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Assistant to the Utility Supervisor Rhonda Stastny, Main Street Manager Sandra Osman, Museum Manager Amber Fitts and City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt.

#### **2. Invocation**

City Attorney James Crain gave the Invocation.

#### **3. Pledge Of Allegiance**

Councilmember Tony Allen let the pledges.

#### **4. Public Comments**

Keion Williams spoke to Council regarding his support of building a skate park saying it would be great for Cuero and all the surrounding communities. He stated there are many skateboarders and , BMX riders that have no where to go.

Randy Saenz spoke to Council asking what plans Council has to lower the cost of living in Cuero. He also stated he does not support the \$20 Million Airport.

#### **5. Presentation And Recognitions**

##### **5.1. Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax Request**

DeWitt County Historical Museum, Diana Bartosh, Request \$15,000

Cuero Heritage Museum and Pharmacy Medical Museum , Amber Fitts, Request \$39,000 each

Cuero 150th Anniversary Celebration, Amber Fitts, Request \$10,000

Cuero Main Street, Sandra Osman, Request \$30,000

Cuero Chamber of Commerce, Angie Cueller, Request \$125,000

Cuero Turkey Fest, Brenda Martin, ShaNon Henson, Request \$100,000

**5.2. Presentation From Cuero Turkey Fest For The 50th Year Turkey Fest Celebration To Be Held In October 2022.**

Cuero Turkey Fest Board President gave Council the tentative plans for the 50th Turkey Fest Anniversary. They plan on setting up same as last year with two stages and adding more kids activities. Also the Worthington High School Band is coming to participate in the parade. They are inviting all of the former Board and race team members from the last 50 years.

**6. Council Consideration And Action Items**

**6.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On A Request From Amherst Company, To Close W Live Oak Between N. Gazze St. And San Antonio St, Including The Southern Half Of San Antonio Street To W. Live Oak St.**

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the request from Amherst Company to close W. Live Oak between N. Gazze St. and San Antonio St. including Southern half of San Antonio Street to W. Live Oak. The motion was approved unanimously.

**6.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Possibility Of A Skate Park And Location And Funding Options.**

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Allen to discuss the possibility of getting a grant to fund a skatepark. Ken Coniget, from Public Management advised Council that there is a Texas Parks and Wildlife grant that is due in August that the City can apply for to fund the skatepark. The estimate to build the skatepark is \$750,000 and the city would have to do a 50% match. A public hearing will need to be held in July and letters of support and any donations from the community would be helpful in getting the grant. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen to move forward with the grant application. The Motion was approved unanimously.

**6.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Request From David Danish To Draw From The Cemetery Fund For Irrigation, Etc.**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve the request to use Cemetery Funds to install irrigation at the Hillside Cemetery . The motion was approved unanimously.

**6.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On A Request To Close Streets For The June 17, 2022 Art Of Entertainment Event.**

Main Street Manager Sandra Osman requested street closure from Friday June 17/2022 starting at 10:00 am to 11:00 pm to have the Art of Entertainment Event. Streets requesting to be closed are 200 Block of E Main St, South Gonzales St.

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Allen. The Motion was approved unanimously.

**6.5. Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission Regional Environmental Resources**

## **Advisory Committee Nomination**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Adams to nominate Bill Matthys and Cheryl Merzbacher to the GCRPC RERAC. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **7. Reports**

### **7.1. Update On The Pharmacy Museum Damage Repair From Museum Manager Amber Fitts.**

Museum Manager Amber Fitts, gave photos of damage to the Pharmacy, Medical Museum water damage and updated them on the repairs.

## **8. Resolutions**

### **8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-13, Awarding A Contract For Engineering Services For 2022 TxCDBG-Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Grant Program (DRP/MS).**

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve Resolution No. 2022-13 awarding the bid for the TxCDBG-Downtown Revitalization /Main Street Grant Program to Urban Engineering. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **8.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-14, Determining That An Area Of The Downtown Contains Conditions That Are Detrimental To The Community And Constitute A Slum And Blighted Area For The 2022 Downtown Revitalization Program Grant Application**

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Resolution No. 2022-14, determining that an area of the Downtown contains conditions that are detrimental to the community and constitute a slum and blighted area for the 2022 Downtown Revitalization Program Grant Application. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **8.3. Discuss, Consider, And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-15, Authorizing The Submission Of An Application To The Texas Community Development Block Grant Program-2022 Downtown Revitalization Program And Authorizing The Mayor And City Manager As Authorized Representatives**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve Resolution No. 2022-15 authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program 2022-Downtown Revitalization Program. The Grant would be \$500,000 with city match of \$75,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **8.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-16, School Resource Officer Program Interlocal**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve Resolution No. 2022-16, 2022-2023 School Resource Officer Interlocal. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **9. Consent Agenda**

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

### **9.1. Council Meeting Minutes 4/4/2022, 5/9/2022, 5/16/2022, 5/23/2022**

**9.2. Municipal Court Monthly Report**

**9.3. Library Monthly Report**

**9.4. Appointment Of Donnie Garrison To The Cuero Museum Board Replacing Guy Dolan.**

**9.5. Building Department Monthly Report**

**9.6. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report**

**10. Items Of Community Interest**

Staycation and Summer Program

**11. Adjourn**

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF JULY, 2022

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SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY