



# **CITY OF CUERO**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **JULY 12, 2021**

7/12/2021 - Minutes

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

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

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

Staff Present: City Manager Raymie Zella, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Utility Supervisor Wayne Berger, Main Street Manager Sandra Osman, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, City Attorney James Crain and City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt

#### **2. Invocation**

City Attorney James Crain gave the invocation.

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

Councilmember Emil Garza let the pledges.

#### **4. Swearing In Of W. T. "Tony" Allen For District 3, To Finish Out Term Left From Retiring Brad Hedrick.**

City Attorney James Crain administered the oath to Tony Allen.

#### **5. Public Comments**

Vicki Smith, Executive Director of Community Action Committee of Victoria gave Council information about serving Meals on Wheels to residents in Cuero/DeWitt County and reported how many homes they have assisted with.

#### **6. Public Hearing**

Mayor Meyer opened the Public Hearing at 5:05 pm. Applicant Brooke Smith Jackson, explained to Council what her plans were for the former Gas Company building at 111 W. Main St. being to make it a boutique with a lounge area and serve beer and wine. Planning and Zoning recommended approval at their June 17, 2021 meeting. There was no opposition.

#### **7. Presentation And Recognitions**

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

Hotel Motel Occupancy Tax request were heard from:

1. Cuero Pharmacy and Heritage Museums, requesting \$39,500 for each museum. Joe Shepherd, Chairman of the museum board presented.
2. Chisholm Tail Heritage Museum, requesting \$10,000, Sharon Weber presented.
3. Cuero Main Street, requesting \$35,000, Sandra Osman presented.
4. DeWitt County Historical Museum, requesting \$15,000, presented by Dianna Bartosh
5. Turkeyfest, requesting \$100,000, Brenda Martin and ShaNon Henson presenting

## **8. Council Consideration And Action Items**

### **8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Airport Relocation Plan.**

Airport Committee Chairman Mike Cavanaugh and QED Representative Ron Price presented the final airport relocation report to Council and answered questions from Council and Citizens. It was reported the the replacement airport would cost \$7.3 million with the State paying \$4.6 million, City/County paying \$700,000 and the remain from a third party. Motion made by Councilmember Garza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to accept the final airport relocation report. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **8.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Request To Have A "Texas Hero Fest" In The Cuero Municipal Park.**

Jeff Von Hefen was present to present information to Council about the event to honor First Responders, Fire Fighters, Healthcare Workers and Police Officers. there will be a car show and BBQ Cookoff, and Memorial Ceremony.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve the event and allow the use of the park facilities and to close the main gate and lake road gate. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **8.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Request To Build Another Outside Stage For The Turkey Fest In October**

Turkey Fest president and other members were present to ask for the use of a second stage for bands on the top of the Knoll. The December Events Committee presented a letter supporting this and stating that Turkey Fest would be responsible for relocating the light displays that are in that area of the knoll and to provide additional fencing to provide protection of the December Events property.

Motion made by Councilmember Garza, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, to approve the request for a second stage area for entertainment at the top of the knoll in the Cuero Municipal Park for the Turkey fest. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **9. Reports**

### **9.1. Utility Department Report By Utility Director Wayne Berger**

Utility Director, Wayne Berger gave a quarterly report on:

Water/wastewater: Old Gonzales Rd. Sewer and water main installed, drainage on Josephine and Alonzo St.

Street Dept.: Old Yoakum Rd. reclaimed & culvert replaced, Indianola, W. Johnson, Thomas and Cleveland Streets curb work.

Built police impound yard, work orders, mowing and pot holes.

Electric: LED Light project @ Housing Authority, Moss Lane and have approximately 95 more to install.

New electric service for golf shed, Friar Ag and County Annex installed new transformers

replaced 8 broken poles and trimmed trees. fiber run to sub station and moving overhead wires to underground in the Municipal Park.

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

### **10.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2021-15, Recommendation From Planning And Zoning Commission Request For A Conditional Use Permit For 111 W. Main Street, Cuero Texas To Allow A Boutique/Sip And Sit Shop.**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2021-15, for a conditional use permit for 111 W. Main Street. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **11. Second Reading Of An Ordinance**

### **11.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2021-12, Amending Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cuero Appendix A "Fee Schedule", Article A6.000 "Utility Rates And Charges", Division 2 "Electric Service" Section A6.034 "Schedule Of Electric Rates" And Providing For A New Rate Category Being Called "Economic Industrial Rates For New Industry" And Including Requirements To Be Associated Therewith.**

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-12. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **11.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2021-13, Amending Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cuero Appendix A "Fee Schedule", Article A6.000 "Utility Rates And Charges", Division 5 "Water Service" Section A6.121 "Schedule Of Water Rates" And Providing For A New Rate Category Being Called "Economic Industrial Rates For New Industry" And Including Requirements To Be Associated Therewith.**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-13. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **11.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2021-14, Amending Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Cuero Appendix A "Fee Schedule", Article A6.000 "Utility Rates And Charges", Division 4 "Sewer Service" Section A6.091 "Schedule Of Monthly Rates" And Providing For A New Rate Category Being Called "Economic Industrial Rates For New Industry" And Including Requirements To Be Associated Therewith.**

Motion made by Councilmember Garza, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2021-14. the motion was approved unanimously.

## **12. Resolutions**

### **12.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Second And Final Reading Of Resolution No. 2021- 17 Approving A Project Using Funds Provided By The Cuero Development Corporation In An Amount Exceeding \$10,000 As Required By The Texas Local Government Code.**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Garza, approved the second and final reading of Resolution No. 2021-17. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **12.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Second And Final Reading Of Resolution No. 2021- 18 Approving A Project Using Funds Provided By The Cuero Development Corporation In An Amount Exceeding \$10,000 As Required By The Texas Local Government Code.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Adams, to approve the second and final reading of Resolution No. 2021-18. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **12.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-19, Interlocal Agreement Between City And Cuero ISD For School Resource Officer**

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Adams to approve Resolution No. 2021-19, School Resource Office for Cuero ISD school year 2021-2022. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **13. Consent Agenda**

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

### **13.1. Council Meeting Minutes 6/14/2021**

### **13.2. Building Department Monthly Report**

### **13.3. Municipal Court Monthly Report**

### **13.4. Library Monthly Report**

### **13.5. Dewitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report**

## **14. Adjourn**

Announcements: Connie Hawes presented Council a copy of the quarterly sales tax. City Manager said the care charging station had been used several times in the past month. Councilmember Fuqua stated that the DeWitt County Boys and Girls Club received a grant from Devon Energy and that they will be having a reception to reveal the new room Wednesday July 14th .

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021.

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SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY