



# **CITY OF CUERO**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **AUGUST 23, 2021 5:30 PM**

8/23/2021 - Minutes

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

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

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

Staff present: City Manager Raymie Zella, Finance Director Connie Hawes, City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt, IT Manager Tony Malott, Account Manager Lisa Waterbury, City Attorney James Crain, and Police Chief Jay Lewis.

#### **2. Public Comments**

No public comments

#### **3. Public Hearing**

Mayor Meyer opened the public hearing at 5:40 pm.

##### **3.1. Public Hearing On Proposed FY 2021-2022 Budget For The City Of Cuero**

Finance Director Connie Hawes gave a budget summary on:

Hotel/Motel Tax, Streets, 111 E. Main St. renovation, sidewalks, bury electrical lines in park.

##### **3.2. Public Hearing On The Proposed Tax Rate For FY 2021-2022**

Connie Hawes, Finance Director and Raymie Zella, City Manager discussed the tax numbers and how it was calculated.

Mayor Meyer closed the Public Hearings at 6:00 PM.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **4.1. Update From Gandolf Burrus, Grant Development Services President, On The Status Of The Grant Application To The Texas Parks And Wildlife Department For The Proposed Pocket Park.**

Mr. Burrus reported that there were 232 responses to the survey and 225 signatures on the petition and that they are still accepting support letters. Time line of submitting is October 1, 2021, possibly hear by February 2022 and funding by August 2022. He also stated that they plan to add 1/2 more acre to the project.

##### **4.2. City Manager Report**

City Manager Raymie Zella reported that the cemetery sign was complete and installed. The remaining signs will be removed.

**5. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance**

**5.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-16, Approving And Adopting The FY 2021-2022 Annual Operating Budget And Declaring An Emergency.**

Motion made by Councilmember Mitch Adams: I MOVE THAT THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BUDGET BE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bill Matthys. A record vote was taken :

Voter		Not Present	Aye	Naye	Abstain	Motion	Second
Sara Post Meyer	Mayor		X				
John Fuqua	District 1		X				
Terry Glover	District 2		X				
Tony Allen	District 3		X				
Mitch Adams	District 4		X			X	
Bill Matthys	At-Large		X				X
Emil Garza	At-Large		X				

**5.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance 2021-17, Ratifying The Property Tax Increase Reflected In The Budget For Operating The Municipal Government Of The City Of Cuero For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2021 And Ending September 30, 2022 As Required By The Texas Local Government Code §102.007 (C); And Declaring An Emergency.**

Motion made by Councilmember John Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Tony Allen. A record vote was taken:

Voter		Not Present	Aye	Naye	Abstain	Motion	Second
Sara Post Meyer	Mayor		X				
John Fuqua	District 1		X			X	
Terry Glover	District 2		X				
Tony Allen	District 3		X				X
Mitch Adams	District 4		X				
Bill Matthys	At-Large		X				
Emil Garza	At-Large		X				

**5.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-18, Setting The Valorem Tax Rate For The Use And Support Of The Municipal Government Of The City Of Cuero, Levying A Tax Upon All Property Subject To Taxation Within The City Of Cuero, Texas For The 2021 Tax Year, Providing For The Assessment And Collection Of Taxes, Providing For The General Debt Service Fund And Apportioning Each Levy For The Specific Purposes, And Declaring And Emergency.**

Motion made by Councilmember Tony Allen: I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE INCREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF .36951 WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 7.80 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TAX RATE.” Seconded by Councilmember Terry Glover. A record vote was taken:

Voter		Not Present	Aye	Naye	Abstain	Motion	Second
Sara Post Meyer	Mayor		X				
John Fuqua	District 1		X				
Terry Glover	District 2		X				X
Tony Allen	District 3		X			X	
Mitch Adams	District 4		X				

Bill Matthys	At-Large		X				
Emil Garza	At-Large		X				

## 6. Adjourn

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:18 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF SEPTMBER 2021.

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SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY