



CITY OF CUERO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 5:00 PM

9/13/2021 - 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, District 1 Councilmember John Fuqua, District 2 Councilmember Terry Glover, District 3 Councilmember Tony Allen, District 4 Councilmember Mitch Adams and Councilmember at Large Emil Garza.

Staff Present: City Manager Raymie Zella, City Attorney James Crain, City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Account Manager Lisa Waterbury, IT Manager Tony Malott, Museum Manager Amber Fitts Jones, and Main Street Manager Sandra Osman.

2. Invocation

City Attorney James Crain gave the invocation.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

Councilmember Emil Garza led the pledges.

4. Public Comments

No public comments

5. Presentation And Recognitions

5.1. Presentation From Fisher Heck Architects, On The Cuero Thoroughfare Final Review Set, (123 E. Main, Formally Carmona Building).

David Hannan, from Fisher Heck Architect, presented a power point on the design of the proposed thoroughfare at 123 E. Main Street. Questions were asked by Council regarding fence, type of trees, electric outlets and tile.

6. Public Hearing

6.1. Public Hearing To Receive Citizen Comments Regarding Adoption Of The City Of Cuero 2021 Small Community Park Grant Application. This Proposed Project Is A Downtown Pocket Park At N Esplanade Street And Courthouse Street. Community Recreational

Priorities For This Area Will Be Discussed.

Robert Oliver, Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum spoke to Council stating that they were not going to apply for the grant due to the many requirements and for such little money. He stated he felt that it could be accomplished by donations and fund raising.

7. Council Consideration And Action Items

7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On A Request From Jace Patek To Build A Skate Park.

Jace Patek, eleven year old CISD student asked Council to consider adding a skate park. He presented photos of possible locations and cost estimates.

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to instruct the City Manager to look into the construction of a skate park and come back with information at the November council meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Approving The The Final Drawings For The Thoroughfare At 123 E. Main St. And Instruct Staff To Start Calling For Bids.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve the final drawing plans for the proposed thoroughfare at 123 E. Main St. The motion was approved unanimously.

7.3. Discuss Consider And Possible Action On Partnering With DeWitt County And Cuero ISD For Broadband Project.

IT Manager Tony Malott gave a brief report regarding a meeting he attended on partnering with the County and School for a broadband project stating that the school is in favor, no word from the county. He stated it is a worthy project that would help with students who cannot afford or do not have access to broadband. No action was taken.

7.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Planning And Budget For The 150 Year Anniversary Of Cuero

Museum Manager Amber Fitts Jones, presented a list of possible events and cost to Council for the 150 year anniversary celebration in 2023. She has made a request to Union Pacific Railroad to possibly have the historic locomotive here. Her committee will start work on plans.

8. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance

8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-20, Amending FY 2020-2021 Budget And Declaring An Emergency.

Account Manager Lisa Waterbury presented the FY 2020-2021 budget amendment to Council.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Garza to approve Ordinance No. 2021-20, FY 2020-2021 Budget Amendment III. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2021-19, Adoption Of 12th Edition Of Roberts Rules Of Order

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

No. 2021-19, adopting the 12th Edition of Roberts Rules of Order and Parliamentary Procedures. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Resolutions

9.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2021-19, Amendment To The Personnel Policy By Adding A Section For Mental Health Leave For First Responders Per Senate Bill 1359.

Motion made by Councilmember Garza, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve Resolution No. 2021-19, amendment to the Cuero Personnel Policy. The motion was approved unanimously.

10. Reports

10.1. Wayfinding Sign Status Report From Main Street Manager

Main Street Manager Sandra Osman updated Council on the Wayfinding sign installation stating that all 16 of the large signs have been installed and that the walkability signage will be installed before the September 25th DeWitt County event.

10.2. Update On NestFresh From City Manager

City Manager Raymie Zella updated Council on the Nest Fresh Company. The groundbreaking that was scheduled is canceled and they will have a grand opening in March.

The former Mt. Vernon Mill is under contract for 60 days while a company does a study to see if the property will be usable for them.

Brookshire Brothers proceeding and hope to be complete by March 2022.

11. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approved the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

11.1. Council Minutes 8/9/2021, 8/23/2021

11.2. Appoint Bill Hickey To The Museum Board. Candy Henderson And Emily Weatherly Retired.

11.3. Building Department Monthly Report

11.4. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report

11.5. Library Monthly Report

11.6. Municipal Court Monthly Report

12. Adjourn

The Governor's Achievement Award was presented to Linda Henderson, President of Keep Cuero Beautiful, from Keep Texas Beautiful and TXDOT.

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021

SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY