

# CITY OF CUERO

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

### JANUARY 13, 2020

Members present: Mayor Sara Post Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, Councilmembers Brad Hedrick, John Fuqua, Tony Allen, Terry Glover and Roy Johnson. Councilmember Hedrick left meeting at 7:37 pm.

Staff Present: City Manager Raymie Zella, City Attorney James Crain, City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, Museum Manager Amber Fitts, Utility Supervisor Rhonda Stastny, Main Street Manager Sandra Osman, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Police Chief Jay Lewis and Environmental Supervisor Cheryl Merzbacher.

1/13/2020 - Minutes

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

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

#### 2. Invocation

Given by James K. Crain III

#### 3. Pledge Of Allegiance

to the American Flag and the Texas Flag led by W.T. "Tony" Allen.

#### 4. Presentation And Recognitions

Police Chief Jay Lewis introduced two new officers, Santa Nino and Edward Gonzalez.

#### 5. Public Comments

No Comments

#### 6. Reports

**Fire Hydrant Update:** Utility Supervisor Wayne Berger gave update on the painting and maintenance of the 110 fire hydrants to be completed this year. stating that they are color coded indicating the flow per minute. 105 were completed last year.

Orange 500-999 gal per min, Green 1000-1499 gal per min, red 500 gal per min, Blue 1500 gal per min

Main Street Manager, Sandra Osman, gave update on the Christmas in Downtown event stating had the most ticket sales this year. Chamber Of Commerce had the Santa Shuffle which had many participants and brought 1100 cards.

Museum Manager, Amber Fitts reported that the Craft Time that was held at Millies on Main during the Christmas Downtown was very successful and brought of guests in to the museums and shopping.

City Manager Raymie Zella reported that all employees and Council will need to do National Incident Management training and also Cyber security training. Those trainings will be scheduled in the near future.

##### 6.1. Council Attendance Report 1/1/19-1/1/2020

Council reviewed the attendance record. There were a total of twenty-two meetings including special called meetings and work sessions.

## 7. Ordinances - Emergency Reading

### 7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2020-01, Making The 600 Block Of E. French Two-Way Traffic.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Ordinance No. 2020-01 making the 600 Block of E. French Two way traffic. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 8. First Reading Of An Ordinance

### 8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The First Reading Of Ordinance No. 2020-02 A Franchise Agreement With GVEC.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2020-02. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 9. Resolutions

### 9.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Second Reading Of Resolution No. 2019-30 Approving A Project Using Funds Provided By The Cuero Development Corporation In An Amount Exceeding \$10,000.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick to approve the second and final reading of Resolution 2019-30. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 9.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-01, Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Application With The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission For A Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Grant; Authorizing The City Manager To Act On Behalf Of City In All Matters Related To The Application;

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve Resolution 2020-01. Councilmember Allen abstained from voting. The motion was approved.

### 9.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-02 Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Application With The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission For A Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Grant; Authorizing The City Council To Act On Behalf Of City In All Matters Related To The Application;

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick to approve Resolution 2020-02. Councilmember Allen abstained from voting. The motion was approved.

### 9.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-03 Authorizing The Filing Of A Grant Application With The Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission For A Regional Solid Waste Grants Program Grant; Authorizing The City Council To Act On Behalf Of City In All Matters Related To The Application;

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Resolution 2020-03. Councilmember Allen abstained from voting. The motion was approved.

### 9.5. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-04 Suspending The February 6, 2020 Date Requested By The Texas Gas Service Company.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve Resolution 2020-04. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 9.6. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-05, Authorizing City Manager To Negotiate A Contract With Urban Engineering For Services For Application Under The Texas Water Development Board Disadvantaged Business Enterprises State Revolving Fund Project;

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Resolution 2020-05. The motion was approved unanimously.

## 10. Council Consideration And Action Items

### 10.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action To Close Streets For Market On Main Events In March And October.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded Councilmember Allen to approve the closure of streets for the Market on Main in March and October. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **10.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Amending The Animal Control Ordinance**

Police Chief Jay Lewis reviewed the proposed changes with Council. For the year 2019 there have been 619 animal control calls 42 of them were loose livestock in the City. There are 34 locations in the city that has livestock. Only one has registered. FFA teacher, Greg Nemece, spoke and brought up some facts regarding livestock in the city that Ag students have for their projects. If the city bans livestock it will hurt the feed companies and the students. He stated he does feel that everyone should have a permit but not abolish livestock from the city.

Councilmember Allen suggested getting more input from the Ag Teacher and Sandra Osman suggested an overlay district.

Councilmember Allen made a motion to amend according to the points brought up and that the existing locations are grandfathered. The motion failed due to no second.

Councilmember Allen made a motion to encourage the permitting, and continue the discussion at another meeting. Councilmember Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **10.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On The Purchase Of Two Law Enforcement Vehicles.**

Chief of Police Jay Lewis presented to Council two quotes for police vehicles. Chevrolet base price \$46,800 and Ford \$47,160. Approximately \$900 to transfer equipment. Discussion of leasing four vehicles. Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen to authorize Chief Lewis to check into the leasing of four vehicles. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **10.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Soliciting For Bids For Cemetery Improvements**

Urban Engineering Matt Glaze spoke on soliciting for bids. Much discussion ensued regarding the width of the road and the entrances to the cemetery. The work once started, would take 2-3 months to complete but access to the cemetery would be available. Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to authorize soliciting for bids for cemetery improvements. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **11. Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve all the items on Consent Agenda. The motion was approved.

#### **11.1. Building Department Monthly Permits**

#### **11.2. Library Monthly Report**

#### **11.3. Municipal Court Monthly Report**

#### **11.4. • Reappointment Of Mayor Sara Post Meyer, David Scott, And Richard Weber To Serve A Two (2) Year Term On The Cuero Development Corporation Board Of Directors**

#### **11.5. DeWitt County Board Election**

#### **11.6. 12/9/19 Council Meeting Minutes**

### **12. Executive Session**

#### **12.1. Executive Session Pursuant To Section 551.072, Title 5, Texas Government Code.**

Mayor Meyer closed the open meeting at 5:55 pm and Council went into Executive Session.

**13. Reconvene Public Meeting To Take Necessary Action, If Any, On Matters Discussed In Executive Session.**

Council returned to the open meeting at 6:13 pm.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen to authorize city Manager to negotiate price for the purchase of the property at 123 E. Main St. Cuero, TX. The motion was approved unanimously.

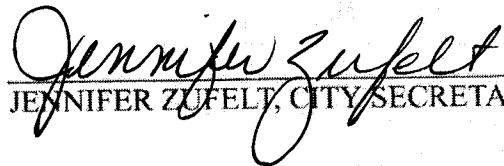
**14. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

  
SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY