



CITY OF CUERO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 5:15 PM

9/14/2020 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Announce A Quorum Is Present

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

Members present were Mayor Sara Post Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Bill Matthys, Councilmembers John Fuqua, Tony Allen and Terry Glover.

Councilmembers Brad Hedrick and Mitch Adams absent due to work.

Staff Present were City Manager Raymie Zella, City Attorney James Crain, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, Parks Supervisor David Danish and Utility Supervisor Wayne Berger.

2. Invocation

City Attorney James Crain gave the invocation.

3. Pledge Of Allegiance

Councilmember Tony Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge.

4. Public Comments

No Public comments

5. Public Hearing

Mayor Meyer opened the Public Hearings at 5:21 p.m.

5.1. Public Hearing On Proposed FY 2020-2021 Budget

Finance Director informed Council that there was a minor change in the Hotel Motel Tax fund distribution that DeWitt County Historical Commission was accidentally omitted but has been corrected.

5.2. Public Hearing On The Proposed Tax Rate

The proposed tax rate is the same as 2019-2020, 0.36951 which will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. On a \$100,000 home it will raise \$2.15.

Mayor Meyer closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 P.M.

Mayor Meyer reopened the Regular Meeting at 5:31 P.M.

6. Second Reading Of An Ordinance

6.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2020-16 A Conditional Use Permit For 205 North Gonzales, North ½ Lot 2, Block 8, Cuero, Texas. The Purpose Of This Request Is To Comply With The City Of Cuero Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 9, Planning & Development Regulations, Applicant Is Draper Family Services.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance NO. 2020-16. approving a conditional use permit allowing the Draper Family Services to open a Cigar Lounge to be located at 205 N. Gonzales, Cuero, Texas. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2020-17 Conditional Use Permit For 1304 N Esplanade, PT 7,8,9, Block 9, Oakgrove Addition, Cuero, Texas. The Purpose Of This Request Is To Comply With The City Of Cuero Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 9, Planning & Development Regulations, Applicant Is John Dakota Blackwell.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua, to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance NO. 2020-17. approving a conditional use permit allowing John Dakota Blackwell to open a BBQ Food Truck to be located at 1304 N. Esplanade, Cuero, Texas. The motion was approved unanimously.

6.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Ordinance No. 2020- 18, Amending Fees At The Recycling Center, Appendix A, Fee Schedule, Article A6.000 Utility Rates And Charges, Division 3 Solid Waste Collection, Section A6.063, Collection Center Charges.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance No. 2020-18. the motion was approved unanimously.

7. Emergency Reading Of An Ordinance

7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2020- 19, Approving And Adopting The FY 2020-2021 Annual Operating Budget And Declaring An Emergency.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Ordinance No. 2020-19, adopting the FY 2020-2021 Budget. Councilmembers Allen, Fuqua, Glover, Mayor Pro Tem Matthys and Mayor Meyer were all Ayes and No Nays.

7.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2020-20, 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, 2020 And Ending September 30, 2021 As Required By Texas Local Government Code §102.007(C); And Declaring An Emergency.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-17, ratifying the property tax increase. Councilmembers Allen, Fuqua, Glover, Mayor Pro Tem Matthys and Mayor Meyer were all Ayes and No Nays.

7.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2020-21, Setting A 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 2020 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 An Emergency.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve Ordinance 2020-21, setting the Ad Valorem Tax Rate of .36951 cents per \$100.00 of taxable valuation. The motion was approved. Councilmembers Allen, Fuqua, Glover, Mayor Pro Tem Matthys and Mayor Meyer were all Ayes and No Nays.

7.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2020-22 Amending The FY 2019-2020 Budget.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, to approve Ordinance No. 2020-22, amending the FY 2019-2020 Budget. the motion was approved unanimously.

7.5. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Ordinance No. 2020-23 Authorizing The Issuance Of City Of Cuero, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2020, And Other Matters Incident And Related Thereto.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to table Ordinance No. 2020-23 until special meeting September 28, 2020. This item was tabled.

8. Resolutions

8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-38, Renewal And Extension Agreement Of A Secured Note And Deed Of Trust From Post Lumber Company.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve Resolution No. 2020-38, renewal and extension of a secured note and deed of trust from Post Lumber Company. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Second And Final Reading Of Resolution No. 2020-40, Approving A Project Using Funds Exceeding \$10,000.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys seconded by Councilmember Allen, to approve the second and final reading of Resolution No. 2020-40. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action To Approve Resolution No. 2020-41, An Interlocal Agreement With DeWitt County For Dispatch Services.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve Resolution No. 2020-41, Interlocal agreement with DeWitt County for Dispatch Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.4. Discuss, Consider, And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-42, Approving A Contract With National Sign Plazas For The Manufacturing And Installation Of Sixteen Highway Wayfinding Signs And Authorizing The Mayor's Execution Of The Contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to approve Resolution No. 2020-42, approving a contract to National Sign Plazas for the manufacturing and installation of sixteen Wayfinding signs. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.5. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2020-43, Approving A Contract With Exhibix For The Manufacturing And Installation Of Wayfinding Pole Signage And Authorizing The Mayor's Execution Of The Contract.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve Resolution No. 2020-43, approving contract with Exhibix for manufacturing and installation of wayfinding pole signage. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. Council Consideration And Action Items

9.1. Discuss Consider And Possible Action On The Care's Act Funding

Discussion of sharing the City's Care Act money with Cuero Independent School District by giving them some of the funds to purchase laptops, Hot spots and chrome books. Rhonda Stastny put together a grant application and it was approved. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve \$50,000 from the Care's Act Funding to be distributed to Cuero ISD. City Attorney James Crain will do a resolution for the next meeting for Council approval.

9.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Report From City Manager On Current Municipal Airport

City Manager reported to Council that closing the Municipal Airport would not affect trying to build a new airport. Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen to table this item until the October regular meeting.

10. Reports

City Manager Raymie Zella reported that the "sick leave bank" was implemented in June and with the retirement/resignation of some employees their sick leave was put into the bank. One employee has been using some of those days.

A golf course update was given and work on the #2 hole has started and new grass and screen installed.

Finance Director Connie Hawes reviewed the quarterly report and investment report with Council. Hotel/Motel tax funds will be reviewed in six months.

11. Consent Agenda

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

11.1. Council Meeting Minutes 8-10-2020

11.2. Building Department Monthly Permits

11.3. Municipal Court Monthly Report

11.4. Library Monthly Report

11.5. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report

12. Adjourn

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 7:06 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020

SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECRETARY