

**City of Coldspring, Texas**  
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting  
Monday, May 2, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Present: Aldermen John Benestante, Kyle Currie, Dianne Griffith, M Kathy King, and Mayor Pat Eversole

Absent: Jessica Sewell

Visitors: Hunter Maze, Nichole Gatewood, Rob Gupta, Kraig Erwin, Mike Brown, Greg Magee, Theron Harrison, Jr.

3. Public Comment: NONE

4. Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman M Kathy King to adopt the agenda. Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Minutes: Motion to accept minutes from April 4, 2022, meeting was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith and seconded by Kyle Curry. All in favor.

6. Approval of Bills: The list of bills paid and to be paid were approved. A motion to the pay bills was made by Alderman Kyle Currie and seconded by M Kathy King. All in favor.

7. Reports:

A. Operation of Treatment Plant and Collections System – Hunter Maze from Inframark stated the charges for the current invoice as \$4,700.00 for operator charges. There were no extra bills and no excursions incurred for the month of April. Alderman John Benestante inquired from Mr. Maze regarding the “Pea Patch” pump. Mike Brown from Inframark stated he will follow up on the bids tomorrow and will have 3-4 bids for the city to review this week. Mayor Eversole and Alderman Benestante stressed the importance of moving on this issue and getting the necessary bids as soon as possible.

B. Financial Reports – Alderman John Benestante briefed Council with the current financial profit and loss statements for the general account, sewer & maintenance, Hotel/Motel, Covid Local Fiscal Recovery Fund and Capital Projects. Council also reviewed the first quarter investment account balances. Mayor Eversole asked for any comments or questions. There were no questions asked in regard to profit and loss statements or investment account balances. Mayor Eversole asked city secretary, Jody Barr, to go over the sewer adjustments made for April. Ms. Barr explained the codes on the sewer adjustment report indicating the reason for the adjustments that were made.

8. Old Business:

A. Discussion and possible action on memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the use of City Park #1 between the City of Coldspring and Coldspring Dixie League: City attorney Greg Magee was given the official name of the league by Kraig Erwin along with descriptive verbiage for the use of the park by the Coldspring Dixie League to be for sanctioned youth association games. Alderman Benestante and Currie discussed if the City had additional requests from other parties for the use of the park that the City would notify the Coldspring Dixie Youth League and would consider their input regarding the request since the Youth League uses its own resources to keep the park up and maintained. City attorney Greg Magee will incorporate the changes discussed and work on getting city council a definitive draft of the memorandum of understanding.

B. Briefings:

1. First report on Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: Alderman John Benestante stated that the first report was filed in a timely matter and that no expenditures were reported. However, the next report would show expenditures and the next report is due at the end of the year.
2. Concerning perimeter fence at City Park 2 (walking trail): Alderman John Benestante stated that the State came out and took measurements and would be getting the city a bid for fencing the three unfenced sides of the park, however the State is about one year out on actual installations if the bid is accepted.
3. Security System installation: Alderman Benestante stated that the city hall security system had been installed and is up and running.
4. Completion of City Hall doors: Alderman Benestante stated that the installation of the city hall doors had been completed and they had been painted.
5. Completion of:
  - a. Perimeter fencing at park #1 and Moore Street lift stations: Alderman Benestante stated that park #1 and Moore Street lift station fences have been installed at both lift stations. Alderman Benestante stated that the Coldspring Dixie Youth League could use the left-over chain-link fencing from the project if it was needed.
  - b. Perimeter fence around electrical panel at Park #1: Alderman Benestante stated that the fence around the electrical panel at Park #1 was installed.
6. Lift Station #1 "Pea Patch" lift station pump replacement: Mike Brown from Inframark is getting the city 3-4 bids for a new pump and installation. The City should have the bids within a week.
7. Status of Park #1 Restroom/Concession Project: Alderman Benestante stated the changes that were previously discussed were added and the City is waiting on final drawings.
8. Status of FM 2025 Sewer collections system project: Alderman Benestante stated that 30% of the engineering design had been completed.
9. Status of 2018 Audit: Alderman Benestante stated that the 2018 audit had been completed and that Axley and Rode would be sending the engagement letter for work to begin on the

2019 audit. Axley and Rode will present the 2018 Audit findings during the June city council meeting.

10. Status of grant administration service: Alderman Benestante stated that he had reached out to two grant administrator firms in Lufkin and Austin but the City is waiting on the 2019, 2020, and 2021 audits to be completed as grants require a current audit for applications.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on complaint concerning street closure of Butler Street due to Blue Grass Music on a trade's day weekend: Mayor Eversole stated she had received two verbal complaints from citizens regarding the closure of Butler Street due to peoples sitting up chairs in the road making Butler Street impassable for traffic on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Alderman Kathy King, John Benestante, and Kyle Currie requested that the complaints be made in writing. No action taken.

#### 10. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman John Benestante at 7:55 PM and was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Eversole". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mayor Pat Eversole