

**City of Coldspring, Texas**  
Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting  
Friday, May 13, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Present: Aldermen John Benestante, Dianne Griffith, Jessica Sewell

Absent: M Kathy King, Kyle Currie, Mayor Pat Eversole

Visitors: Linda Deter, Gerald Deeter, Judi Benestante PhD, Greg Magee, Andrew Gatewood, Marsha Brown

3. Public Comment: NONE

4. Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell to adopt the agenda. Dianne Griffith seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Minutes: Motion to accept minutes from May 2, 2022, meeting was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell and seconded by Dianne Griffith. All in favor.

6. Old Business: None

7. New Business:

A. Accept Canvas Results Report for City of Coldspring May 7, 2022, General Election: All present council members reviewed the tally of votes received from San Jacinto County Elections Administrator Vicki Shelly's office. Dianne Griffith made a motion to accept the canvas report and the motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

B. Swear in John Benestante for mayor: City attorney Greg Magee asked all three newly elected council members and mayor to stand and simultaneously swore in each candidate for their elected position.

C. Swear in Dianne Griffith for council position two (2)

D. Swear in Nichole Gatewood for council position four (4)

E. Discussion and possible action regarding complaint received from Gerald Deeter regarding the need for stop signs at Brookshire Brother's, The HOP, and SH 150/Cemetery Road:

Mr. Gerald Deeter addressed council with his concerns regarding drivers pulling out of Brookshire Brother's and The Hop parking lots with no regard to oncoming traffic. He asked if stop signs could be placed at the exits of each business. Mr. Deeter also stated that across from the Paradise Grill alongside the Coldspring United Methodist Church that often there are trucks with trailers or oversized vehicles parallel parking across from the Paradise Grill and they are causing a hazard to drivers who are trying to

leave Cemetery Road as they block the view of oncoming traffic. Mr. Deeter requested that “No Parking” signs be placed in the area where vehicles are parallel parking to mitigate this issue. Mayor Benestante suggested in the 35-mph speed zone that stop signs be placed at the business exits but stated he would verify with the State of Texas that this would be allowed. Dianne Griffith made a motion upon the approval of the State of Texas that the stop signs be installed and that the “No Parking” signs be installed across from Paradise Grill by the Coldspring United Methodist Church. Jessica Sewell seconded this motion. All in favor.

F. Discussion and possible action regarding Texas Correctional Industries quote for installation of fencing and gate(s) at Park 2 (Walking Path):

Mayor Benestante stated he met with the representative from Texas Correctional Industries (TCI) regarding the quote of fencing Park 2. Council was provided copies of the quote with details. The fence would be three sided as one side is presently already fenced by Sam Houston Electric Company (SHECO) and would have commercial grade ornamental six-foot fencing at the front with a gate for pedestrian entrance and an additional service gate for mowing access and the remaining sides would be 6-foot 9-gauge chain link fence with fourteen inches of barbed wire and an additional back service gate. Nichole Gatewood made a motion to accept the quote for the project and Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.

8. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell at 7:32 PM and was seconded by Dianne Griffith. All in favor.

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Mayor John Benestante