

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Present: Aldermen Jessica Sewell, Kyle Currie, Nichole Gatewood, Dianne Griffith, Jennifer Manuel, and Mayor John Benestante

Visitors: Linda & Gerald Deeter, Marsha Brown, Mike Brown-Inframark, Kraig Erwin and Doug Whitmire - Coldspring Youth League, and Rob Gu -- owner of the Coldspring Inn.

3. Public Comment: NONE

4. Agenda: Mayor Benestante presented the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to adopt the agenda, Alderman Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. Minutes: Mayor Benestante presented the minutes from the regular called December 5, 2022, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes from the December 5, 2022, meeting was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith and seconded by Alderman Nichole Gatewood. All in favor. Mayor Benestante presented the minutes from the special called meeting on December 12, 2022. A motion to accept the minutes from the December 12, 2022, was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell and seconded by Alderman Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.

6. Approval of Bills: The list of bills paid and to be paid were reviewed by Council for approval. A motion to pay the bills was made by Alderman Kyle Currie and seconded by Alderman Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

7. Reports:

A. Operation of Treatment Plant and Collections System – Mike Brown from Inframark stated the charges for the month were \$4,700.00 for operating fees. There were no excursions incurred for the month of December. The plant operated at 17 percent of capacity for the month of December.

B. Financial Reports – Mayor 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. Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions. There were no questions asked. City Office Assistant, Amanda Villa, briefed council on the sewer adjustments made to customer accounts in the month of December. The investment report will be included on the February meeting as all of the reports were not received by the date of this meeting to include for the January 9th meeting.

C. Briefing on sewer cut offs: City Office Assistant, Amanda, briefed Council that there was no customer account cut offs for December,

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Briefing on Park 1 Restroom / Concession Stand: Mayor Benestante stated that he met with Goodwin, Lasiter & Strong and gave them the changes to the specs. Goodwin, Lasiter, Strong will make the changes and we are awaiting those changes to the plans to be received.

B. Briefing on the purchase of 10-acre tract from Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District: Mayor Benestante met with the school district's attorneys. Attorney Wayne Haglund will carry a proposal to the school board for their consideration.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing online-item fund balance transfer in 2022 budget. Mayor Benestante stated line item 2022 Budget adjustments will be completed with collaboration from Alderman Dianne Griffith and Nichole Gatewood and reviewed by outside CPA, Julie Gilmer.

B. Consideration, discussion, and possible action concerning award of the engineering services contract for the preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) application and subsequent engineering contract if funded. The City received one statement of qualifications for engineering services for the 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) for engineering services from Goodwin, Lasiter Strong. After a general discussion Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to enter into contract with Goodwin Lasiter Strong if funded. Alderman Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Discussion and possible action authorizing the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to make a preliminary application for a project regarding the Transportation Set-A-Side (TA) Program with a January 27, 2023, deadline and furthermore if the project is deemed eligible, make a detailed application by June 5, 2023. After a general discussion Kyle Currie made a motion to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to make a preliminary application for the Transportation Set-A- Side (TA) Program if the project is deemed eligible. Alderman Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.

D. Discuss, and possible action authorizing the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to enter in the 2023 joint election agreement and contract with San Jacinto County and to be administered by the 2023-2024 Texas County's Election Administrator. After a general discussion, Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to authorize the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem to enter into the 2023 election agreement provided by the San

Jacinto County Election Administrator. Alderman Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith at 7:50 PM and was seconded by Alderman Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.



John Benestante, Mayor

Attest:



Jody Barr, City Secretary