

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, October 3, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Present: Aldermen Kyle Currie, Nichole Gatewood, Dianne Griffith, and Mayor John Benestante

Absent: Jennifer Manuel, Jessica Sewell

Visitors: Mike Brown, Linda & Gerald Deeter, Ray McCoppin, Marsha Brown, Molly Abele, Sofi Lehmann, Sharon Bryna, Wayne Bryna

3. Public Comment: NONE

4. Agenda: A motion was made by Alderman Nichole Gatewood to adopt the agenda as is, Alderman Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor

5. Minutes: A motion to accept minutes from September 12, 2022, meeting was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith and seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. 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 the pay bills was made by Alderman Kyle Currie and seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.

7. Reports:

A. Operation of Treatment Plant and Collections System – Mike Brown from Inframark stated the charges for the current invoice as \$5,138.53. The operator charges were \$4,700.00 and \$438.63 for general maintenance. There were no excursions incurred for the month of September.

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 Secretary, Jody Barr, briefed council on the sewer adjustments made to customer accounts in the month of September.

C. Briefing on sewer cut offs: No report given.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and possible action on 2021 audit report from Axley and Rode: Molly Abele from Axley & Rode presented the 2021 Audit report and findings. The city was given an unmodified opinion which is the highest opinion given. Ms. Abele reiterated that the City is highly liquidable with no debt and is in great standing. Ms. Abele said the City has made considerable progress in the corrective actions that have been given and have resolved or

partially resolved those actions. She suspects that the ongoing corrective actions will show to be resolved when a 2022 calendar year audit is done. Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to accept the 2021 audit report and findings. This motion was seconded by Alderman Dianne Griffith. All in favor.

B. Briefing on Park 1 Restroom / Concession stand and FM 2025 Sewer Project: Goodwin Lasiter Strong is managing the bidding process for the Park 1 Restrooms and the ads have been printed in the San Jacinto News Times. Mayor Benestante will be present to oversee the bid opening at Goodwin Lasiter Strong once the bid window closes. Once a bid is accepted, Mayor Benestante will call a special meeting for the announcement of the winning bid. Regarding the FM 2025 Sewer Project, Goodwin Lasiter Strong has done the flagging and is now designing the trunk lines for the potential projects on FM 2025 and/or Faulkner Avenue area.

C. Briefing on meeting with the Texas Department of Transportation (TX Dot): Mayor Benestante stated that TX Dot will be conducting studies to determine if speed limits need to be adjusted coming in and out of town as well as reducing the speed limit in school zones to 30 (thirty) mph. Mayor Benestante also stated that the City would be having each manhole cover painted green and herbicide would be sprayed around the manholes to help TxDot in being able to see and identify them to help them to be seen by the TxDot mowers and eliminate damage from the mowers.

D. Discussion and possible action on City street work: Mayor Benestante updated Council that the paving and /or repairs had been completed on Pine Avenue, Reese Street, Harrison Street, Cemetery Road, and Sand Street. These repairs were done through our Interlocal agreement with Precinct 1, Laddie McAnally.

E. Briefing on Mary Elizabeth Reynold warranty deed dated June 21, 2000. Mayor Benestante met with the Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated ISD Superintendent, Dr. Bryan Taulton, and the new Business Manager, J.W. Kirkham and the matter will be put on the next school board agenda.

F. Discussion and possible action on RV park ordinance. Mayor Benestante asked council for their comments and questions on the sample RV ordinance provided to council by City Attorney Greg Magee. Aldermen Dianne Griffith, Nichole Gatewood and Kyle Currie all expresses concerns with items in the sample ordinance. Mayor Benestante asked each council member to provide copies of their concerns to the City Secretary so that they can be forwarded to Attorney Magee for clarification or changes to be made. Council members suggestions, comments and questions will be noted, and the matter will be discussed again at the next City Council meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and possible action on contracting Axley and Rode to perform 2022 City financial audit. Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to engage Axley and Rode to perform the 2022 City financial audit. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.

B. Discuss and consider approving/adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the City of Coldspring; Mayor Benestante explained the document was required for the CDBG- MIT MOD application. Sofi Lehmann from Grantworks, the MIT-MOD grant administrator gave further explanation as for the purpose. Alderman Dianne Griffith made a motion to approve and adopt the Citizen participation Plan for the City of Coldspring. Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Discuss and consider approving/adopting a Resolution Authorizing Submission of the 2022 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT MOD) Application administered through the Texas General Land Office for the City of Coldspring. Mayor Benestante presented the Resolution authorizing submission of the 2022 Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Method of Distribution (CDBG-MIT MOD) by Grantworks. Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution. Alderman Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor.

D. Discuss and consider approving/adopting Procurement Policies & Procedures for the City of Coldspring: Mayor Benestante presented the Procurement Policies & Procedures for the City of Coldspring regarding the CDBG-MIT MOD Grant. Alderman Dianne Griffith made a motion to approve and adopt the Procurement Policies & Procedures. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. All in favor.

E. Discuss and consider approving/adopting Procedures for Financial Payment for the City of Coldspring. Mayor Benestante presented the Procedures for Financial Payment for the City of Coldspring regarding the CDBG MIT-MOD Grant. Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to approve and adopt the Financial Payment Procedures. Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by alderman Kyle Currie at 8:14 PM and was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.



Mayor John Benestante

Attest:



Jody Barr, City Secretary