

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

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

Absent: Jessica Sewell

Visitors: Linda & Gerald Deeter, Marsha Brown, Mike Brown-Inframark, Luke Singletary, Kraig Erwin- Coldspring Youth League, and Linda Almaguer

3. Public Comment: First, Mr. Luke Singletary voiced concerns regarding a potential RV park that he had heard was going to be built close to his property on Pine Drive. Mayor Benestante addressed Mr. Singletary and explained that a person inquiring about possibly building an RV park on Pine Drive had contacted the City, however, the property is not located in the City of Coldspring's city limits. Thus, the City lacks authority and any concerns or questions regarding this possible RV park would need to be addressed with San Jacinto County. Second, Mr. Linda Almaguer wanted to inquire as to the status of possible lowering of the speed limit in front of Dollar General due to accidents that are occurring at the location which is right in front of her house. Mayor Benestante stated that he had visited with the Texas Department of Transportation and a study would be done by TxDot to evaluate the concerns that he and other citizens have regarding the accidents at this location and other areas such as the school zones in the City limits of Coldspring.

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

5. Minutes: Mayor Benestante presented the minutes from the regular called November 7, 2022, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes from the November 7, 2022, meeting was made by Alderman Kyle Currie 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 Nichole Gatewood. 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 operating fees and \$3,778.41 for repair of the blower failure and chart recorder not working. There were no excursions incurred for the month

of November. The plant had an average flow of 31,000 gallons for the month of November and is operating at 16 percent of capacity.

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 November.

C. Briefing on sewer cut offs: City Secretary, Jody Barr, briefed Council that there was one customer account cut off for November, however, the account had been paid and services restored.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Briefing on Park 1 Restroom / Concession Stand: Mayor Benestante explained to Council that he and Alderman Kyle Currie met with a contractor to review the specs for the facility. They determined that the specs had unnecessary items and items that could be changed to lower the cost of the project such as roofing materials used, unneeded heaters etc. Mayor Benestante will take the changes discussed to Goodwin, Lasiter, Strong for revisions to be made to rebid the project with the updated specs next week.

B. Briefing on the purchase of 10-acre tract from Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District: Mayor Benestante will meet with the school district's attorneys next week in Lufkin to discuss their proposed negotiation of an agreement with the City.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing online-item fund balance transfer in 2022 budget. Mayor Benestante stated line item 2022 Budget adjustments will be done in January after items needed have been posted from December business.

B. Discuss and possible action to adopt the 2023 City of Coldspring Budget: Mayor Benestante went line by line over the 2023 proposed City of Coldspring Budget worksheet he prepared. There will be six funds in the 2023 budget which are: the General fund, Sewer Plant and Collection System fund, Hotel/Motel fund, Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund TX 0326, Capital Projects Fund, MIT MOD Grant Budget fund. After a general discussion, Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to accept the proposed 2023 City budget. Alderman Jennifer Manuel seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Discussion and possible action on authorizing Legal Counsel to make recommendation on revising City Ordinance 92-1 and City Ordinance 2002-1. After a general discussion, Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to authorize the mayor to confer with City Attorney, Greg Magee to propose changes to both ordinances for updating.

D. Discuss, consider, and rescind award dated September 12, 2022, selecting GrantWorks, Inc., to complete application and project implementation for the City of Coldspring's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant funded and administered through The Texas Department of Agriculture. After a general discussion on difficulties working with GrantWorks, Inc., Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to rescind the awarding of GrantWorks, Inc. to administer the City of Coldspring's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant funded and administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.

E. Discuss, consider, and rescind award dated September 12, 2022, selecting GrantWorks, Inc., to complete project implementation for the American rescue Plan Act (ARPA Act) funding administered by the Department of Treasury, other Federal Or State Agency: After a general discussion on difficulties experienced with trying to work with GrantWorks, Inc. and discussion with Legal Counsel regarding the GrantWorks contract presented to the City, Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to rescind the awarding of GrantWorks for project administration and implementation for the City's American Rescue Plan Act administered by the Department of Treasury, other Federal or State Agency. Alderman Jennifer Manuel seconded the motion. All in favor.

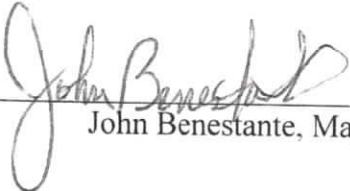
F. Discuss, consider and possible action adopting resolution #2022-8 authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation-Resilient Communities Project Application to the General Land Office and authorizing the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to act as the City's Executive Officers and authorized representatives in all manners pertaining to the City's participation in the Community Development & Revitalization Program: After general discussion of Resolution 2022-8, Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.

G. Consideration, discussion, and possible action concerning the award of an administrative services contract for the preparation of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) CD application and subsequent administrative services contract if funded: After a general discussion of the City's received proposal for the 2023-2024 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Alderman Dianne Griffith made a motion to accept the proposal received from Langford

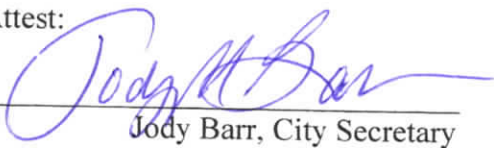
Community Management Services (LCMS) and award the City's 2023-2024 Texas Communication Development Block Grant administrative services to LCMS. Alderman Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Kyle Currie at 8:37 PM and was seconded by Alderman Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.



John Benestante, Mayor

Attest:


Jody Barr, City Secretary