

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Kraig Erwin, Judy Langford, Jerri Conrado

3. Public Comment: NONE

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

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business:

A. Mayor Benestante explained that after many discussions with GrantWorks the City of Coldspring's application to the General Land Office regarding the CDBG-MIT MOD application that an agreement could not be reached on the details of the application. Therefore, the City could not go forward with GrantWorks to complete the application. Considering these circumstances City Council concluded that it was in the best interest of the City of Coldspring to rescind resolution #2022-3 dated October 3, 2022, authorizing GrantWorks to complete and submit the CDBG-MIT MOD application to the General Land Office. After general discussion, Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to rescind resolution #2022-3. Alderman Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.

B. Mayor Benestante explained City of Coldspring resolution #2022-5 authorizing the submission of a Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Method of Distribution Project Application to the General Land Office. This resolution authorizes the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem to act as the City's Executive Officer and authorized representatives related to all matters pertaining the City's participation in the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Method of Distribution Program. After general discussion, Alderman Dianne Griffith made a motion to adopt City of Coldspring resolution #2022-5. Alderman Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor.

C. Mayor Benestante explained considering the rescinding of the authorization of GrantWorks to file City of Coldspring's application to the General Land Office regarding the CDBG-MIT MOD application, the grant administrator that scored second on the request for proposals was Langford Community Management Services. Judy Langford, President of Langford Community management Services explained their experience and desire to work with the City of Coldspring on preparing and submitting the City's application for the CDBG- MIT MOD application. Mayor Benestante explained

that City of Coldspring Resolution #2202-4 if approved would award Langford Community Management Services a contract to provide CDBG-MIT MOD program applications and project-related administration services. After a general discussion, Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to approve City of Coldspring Resolution #2202-4 awarding Langford Community Management Services a contract to complete, submit, and manage the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Method of Distribution funds allocated to the City. Alderman Jessica Sewell seconded the motion. All in favor.


D. Mayor Benestante explained City of Coldspring Resolution #2022-6. The resolution would award Engineering services to Goodwin, Lasiter, Strong (GLS) to assist in completion of application and project implementation of the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG- MIT Method of Distribution funds allocated to the city. After general discussion, Alderman Jessica Sewell made a motion to approve resolution #2022-6 to award the Engineering services to Goodwin, Lasiter, Strong. Alderman Kyle Currie seconded this motion. All in favor.

E. Mayor Benestante explained the contract templates for Engineering and Grant Administration services for application and project implementation of the General Land Office (GLO) CDBG-MIT Method of Distribution funds allocated to the City. After general discussion and review by City Council members, Alderman Jessica Sewell made a motion to approve the contract templates. Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.

F. Briefing on Park 1 Restroom / Concession Stand: Mayor Benestante briefed Council that only one bid was received from the solicitation of bids on the Park 1 Restroom and Concession Stand project. The one bid from Timberline Constructors came in at over \$600 a square foot. After general discussion Council concluded that the current bid was just too expensive and that the project needed to be reviewed, simplified, and rebid.

G. Discussion and possible action on current year 2022 Budget Line -Item Adjustments. This item was tabled until the November 7, 2022, regular City Council meeting.

7. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell at 7:47 PM and was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.



Mayor John Benestante