

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, May 1, 2023

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call.

Present: Alderman Jessica Sewell, Dianne Griffith, Nichole Gatewood, Kyle Currie, and Mayor John Benestante

Absent: Jennifer Manuel

Visitors: Travis Dean & Christian Doggett-Team Dean Construction, Hunter M. & Harley Permenter-Inframark, Kraig Erwin-CDYL, Linda & Gerald Deeter

3. Public Comment: Kraig Erwin spoke on behalf of the Coldspring Dixie Youth League, expressing his appreciation for all that the City has done for the league. Kraig invited all to attend the closing of the ball season this Saturday May 6th starting at 10 am. This will be a family fun day with a bounce house, silent auction, home run derby and parent/coaches softball game.

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 April 3, 2023, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes from the April 3, 2023, meeting was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell and seconded by Alderman Nichole Gatewood. 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 – Hunter M. from Inframark stated the charges for the month were \$4,990.30 for operating fees. The bill was a little more due to some violations that had to be corrected. There were no excursions incurred for the month of April. The plant operated at 17 percent of capacity for the month of April and flowed an average of 34,000 MGD. Mr. Hunter introduced Harley P. to Council as the new Field Service Manager.

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 Fund, Capital Projects and Mit-Mod Grant Fund. Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions regarding the profit and loss statements. The City Executive Administrator, Jody Barr, briefed council on the sewer adjustments made to customer accounts in the month of April.

- C. Briefing on sewer cut offs – City Executive Administrator, Jody Barr briefed Council that there were no customer accounts on cut off day for April.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and possible action reviewing bids on Restroom/Concession Stand Building and awarding contract to the lowest bidder who provides goods and services at the best value for the City of Coldspring and authorize the Mayor to enter a contract with said low bidder per bid specifications and furthermore authorizing the Mayor to oversee the construction of said project. After a general discussion a motion was made by Alderman Kyle Currie to award the contract bid to the lowest bidder with the best value for the city as Team Dean Construction bid of \$358,495.00 and authorize the Mayor and or Mayor Pro-Tem to oversee construction of project. This motion was seconded by Alderman Jessica Sewell. All were in favor.
- B. Discussion and possible action on complaint from L.P. Runge. Possible violation of City Ordinance 2021-3. Mayor John Benestante briefed Council and will be waiting on Lien holder of property to take action. No action by city Council at this time.
- C. Briefing on TMRS: Texas Municipal Retirement System. Mayor John Benestante briefed the council on the meeting he and Mayor Pro Tem had with Anthony Mills. Mr. Mills will be getting an actuary study completed for the city.
- D. Discussion and possible action on abandoned right of way on Anglo Dutch property sold to Vivian Briggs. Mayor John Benestante explained he had spoken to Judge Faulkner on the situation, and he suggested notifying the landowner behind the property before removing the abandoned right of way.
- E. Briefing on purchase of Park #1 Parking Lot. Mayor Benestante did not have any new information as the school administration has not responded. The city will revisit this matter when more information is available.
- F. Discussion and possible action on revising City Ordinance 92-1: Public Event Ordinance. After a general discussion it was suggested by council members that all applications be submitted at a minimum of 90 days before an event with all efforts to have request in before February 1st of each calendar year. All event applications must be accompanied by a map of the proposed street closures. City attorney Greg Magee will revise the proposed Public Event Ordinance and present it at the next council meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Briefing on Type A General Law Municipality Quorum. Mayor John Benestante briefed council over Type A General Law Municipality Quorum. No action was needed.
- B. Briefing on storm damage to Park #1 and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mayor Benestante updated council that the recent storm knocked down a tree on the fence at the wastewater treatment plant. He is awaiting bids for repair.
- C. Briefing on Park #2 security and fencing. Mayor Benestante met with Chris Miller from TCI Industries and Mr. Miller will be giving an updated quote on Park #2 security fence in light of SHECO fencing in the backside of property with their work yard fence.
- D. Discussion and possible action on adopting a Statement of Financial Goals and Policies for the City of Coldspring. After a general discussion, Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to adopt the Statement of Financial Goals and Policies for the City of Coldspring. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All were in favor.
- E. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2023-04 approving the Coldspring Car, Truck and Bike Show on the Courthouse Square, Sponsored by the Coldspring Area Business & Merchants Association (CABMA) on May 27, 2023. After a general discussion a motion was made on Resolution 2023-04 by Dianne Griffith approving the Coldspring Car, Truck and Bike Show on the Courthouse Square, sponsored by CABMA on May 27, 2023. This motion was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.
- F. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2023-05 recognizing Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #37 celebrating 175 years of masonry in the Coldspring area. After a general discussion a motion was made on Resolution 2023-05 by Alderman Dianne Griffith to recognize Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge #37 in celebrating 175 years of masonry in the Coldspring area. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Nichole Gatewood at 8:27 PM and was seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. All in favor.



John Benestante, Mayor

Attest:



Jody Barr, City Secretary