

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call

Present: Aldermen John Benestante, Kyle Currie, Jessica Sewell, Dianne Griffith, and Mayor Pat Eversole

Absent: M Kathy King

Visitors: Hunter Maze, Nichole Gatewood, Rob Gupta, Emmitt Eldridge

3. Public Comment: NONE

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

5. Minutes: Motion to accept minutes from March 7, 2022, meeting was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith and seconded by Kyle Curry. All in favor.

6. Approval of Bills: List of bills paid and to be paid were approved except for Able Glass. The check will not be issued until after the front and back door pin drops are working properly. A motion to the pay bills was made by Alderman John Benestante and seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.

7. Reports:

A. Operation of Treatment Plant and Collections System – Hunter Maze from Inframark stated the charges for the current invoice as \$4,700.00 for operator charges. There were no extra bills and no excursions incurred for the month. Mayor Eversole and Alderman John Benestante inquired from Mr. Maze if he had acquired the bid for a new pump previously discussed at the last council meeting. Mr. Maze stated he did have a bid for replacing the old pump at lift station #1 with a new one and it would be \$5,500 for a new pump and installation. Council discussed and said for Inframark to go ahead and order the new pump and for installation to be done as funds were available in the maintenance fund for said purchase.

B. Financial Reports – Alderman John Benestante briefed Council with the current financial profit and loss statements for the general account, sewer & maintenance, Hotel/Motel, and Capital Projects. Mayor Eversole asked for any comments or questions. There were no questions asked regarding these profit and loss statements. Alderman Benestante suggested that all accounts over 25% usage of their allotted budgets be watched and revisited again at the next council meeting.

8. Old Business:

A. Discussion and possible action on memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the use of City Park #1 between the City of Coldspring and Coldspring Dixie League: Alderman Benestante stated that Kraig Erwin said the name of the league was changing and he was waiting on Mr. Erwin to confirm the name change. Mayor Eversole asked that the responsibilities of mowing be spelled out as to who would be responsible for the areas that needed mowing and the electricity costs that surpass the City's allotted electricity budget for the park.

B. Briefing on City Park #1 (Baseball Park):

1. Restroom and concession stand: Alderman John Benestante stated that changes had been made to the drawings and an additional sales window was added so that there were windows at the baseball side and pavilion side. Mr. Benestante said he will bring a final draft of the plans to the next council meeting. Alderman Sewell asked if ADA restrooms were going to be provided this year. Mr. Benestante said they would be, and he would be following up to make sure they will be there.

2. Fencing on Park #1 lift station per state inspection: Alderman John Benestante stated that fencing work had begun as the contractor had been hired and part of the supplies had been purchased.

3. Control panel for Park #1 Lift Station: Alderman Benestante stated that one quote had been received but he was waiting on a second quote to come in. Once the second quote is received, he will bring it for city council to review.

C. Briefing on Lift Station #1 "Pea Patch": Council authorized Mr. Hunter Maze from Inframark to contact Electrical Field Services for the purchase of the new pump.

9. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action on grant writer: Alderman John Benestante stated that an update on the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Grant would be needed at the end of April and two other grants will be available that the City is eligible to apply for by August 31st, 2022. The City would like to get an RFQ for bringing a grant writer onboard. A motion was made by Dianne Griffin for a RFQ be done for a grant writer. Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor.

10. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Kyle Currie at 7:38 PM and was seconded by John Benestante. All in favor.



Mayor Pat Eversole