

**City of Coldspring, Texas**  
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting  
Monday, July 10, 2023

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM
2. Roll call.

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

Absent: none

Visitors: Linda & Gerald Deeter, Josh Taylor & Harley Permenter-Inframark, Marsha Brown, Mark & LaDonyce Hamilton, Johnnie Berger, Greg Magee-City Attorney, Travis Dean & Christian Doggett with Team Dean Construction.

3. Public Comment: Gerald Deeter spoke asking for the Mayor and Council Members to come rally together and support the sheriff office in receiving more funds to help pay for more jailers at the upcoming commissioners court Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am.  
Marsha Brown with the Coldspring Library gave an update on the Dolly Pardon Imagination Library stating the library is now up to sending 184 area children free books monthly through the program. Johnnie Berger decided not to make a comment.
4. Agenda: Mayor Benestante presented the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to adopt the agenda, Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.
5. Minutes: Mayor Benestante presented the minutes from the regular called June 5, 2023. A motion to accept the minutes from the June 5, 2023, meeting was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell and seconded by Alderman Dianne Griffith. All in favor.
6. Approval of Bills: The list of bills paid and to be paid were reviewed by the Council for approval. A motion to pay the bills was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith and seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. All in favor.
7. Reports:
  - A. Operation of Treatment Plant and Collections System – Josh Taylor from Inframark stated the charges for the month were \$6,849.58 for operating fees. There were no excursions incurred for the month of June. The plant operated at 32 percent of capacity for the month of June and flowed an average of 64,000 MGD.
  - 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, MIT- Mod Grant Fund and Opioid Abatement 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 June.

- C. Briefing on sewer cut offs – City Executive Administrator, Jody Barr briefed Council that there was one customer account on cut off day for June and they have since paid and service has been restored.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and possible action on change order for the Coldspring Youth League Concession/Restroom, change order for air conditioning. Mayor John Benestante briefed the council on the Restroom/Concession Stand Building at CDYL Park. Team Dean has requested a change order to add air conditioning to the new building, the old units from the current concession stand will not work as previously thought. Team Dean presented an estimate of \$39,500.00. Kyle Currie made a motion to accept the change order for the addition of air conditioning to the Restroom/Concession Stand Building at CDYL Park. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.
- B. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 92-1 (Public Event) and adopting amendment to ordinance 92-1 with Attorney Greg Magee's changes. After a general discussion, a motion was made by Jennifer Manuel to adopt the amendment to ordinance 92-1 (Public Event) with Attorney Greg Magee's changes. This was seconded by Dianne Griffith. All in favor.
- C. Briefing on support of SJC Coldspring Senior Citizens fire suppression system installation. Mayor John Benestante briefed council on the SJC Coldspring Senior Citizens fire suppression system installation. The system installation has been completed.
- D. Discussion and possible action on potential violation of ordinances 2021-3 (Public Nuisance), 88-4 (Junk and salvage) at 301 Highway 150. This item was tabled, no action taken at this time.
- E. Discussion and possible action on violation of ordinance 2021-3 (Public nuisance) at 210 Slade Street. This item was tabled, no action was taken at this time.
- F. Discussion and possible action on ordinance 2023-02 providing for participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System and its supplemental death benefits fund and authorizing actuarially determined contribution rate payments for city employees. After a general discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Dianne Griffith to accept the ordinance 2023-02 providing for participation in the Texas Municipal Retirement System and its supplemental death benefits fund and authorizing actuarially determined

contribution rate payments for city employees. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All were in favor.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and possible action on approving and adoption of revised resolution 2023-03-01 for the TX General Land Office Resilient Communities Program grant administration Comprehensive Plan giving legal authority to the Mayor to approve Resilient Communities Program (RCP) established zoning ordinances. After a general discussion from Mayor John Benestante, Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to table this item. This was seconded by alderman Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.
- B. Discussion and possible action on approving the revised Procurement Policies and procedures to incorporate federal guidelines CFR 200.318-327 Policies for the TX General Land Office Resilient Communities Program grant administration. After a general discussion from Mayor John Benestante, Alderman Kyle Currie made a motion to table this item. This was seconded by alderman Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.
- C. Briefing on GLO Community Development Block Grant Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Council of Government Method of Distribution (COG MOD) Regional Mitigation Program Award. Mayor Benestante stated that he hoped the City would have the approved funds from the GLO to start sewer expansion in the next 60-90 days.
- D. Discussion and possible action on Ordinance 2007-08 Violation of unauthorized signs within the City of Coldspring. This item was tabled, no action at this time.
- E. Discussion and possible action on Texas Department of Transportation speed zone study results and Ordinance 2023-04 establishing maximum speeds of motor vehicles in certain areas as designated. Mayor Benestante will meet with TxDot again for additional information regarding the completed study. This item was tabled, no action at this time.
- F. Discussion and possible action on proclamation for the Coldspring Quilts for Kids organization. Dianne Griffith read aloud the proclamation for the Coldspring Quilts for Kids organization. Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to accept and present the proclamation to the Coldspring Quilts for Kids organization. This was seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. All in favor.
- G. Alderman Dianne Griffith briefing on Texas Country Partnership and Steven F Austin University Forum on Economic Development forum. Alderman Dianne Griffith briefed council on her attendance of the forum.
- H. Briefing on 350 Commercial Avenue submitted potential venture. Mayor John Benestante briefed the council for 350 Commercial Avenue submitted plans for the

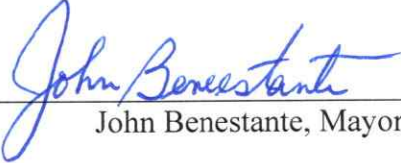


property. The Mayor asked for City Administrator, Jody Barr, to draft a letter to them with the city's approval.

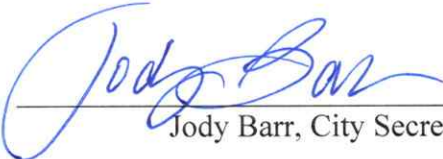
- I. Briefing on Covid Fund upgrade of "Pea Patch" Lift Station # 1. Mayor Benestante briefed Council that Goodwin Lasiter Strong had finished the final documents on the technical specifications and drawings for the upgrade of Lift Station one.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Nichole Gatewood at 8:23 PM and was seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. All in favor.

  
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John Benestante, Mayor

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Jody Barr, City Secretary