

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, November 4, 2024

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

Visitors: Michelle Haylock-CVFD, Shawna Holman-CVFD, Greg Magee-City Attorney

3. No Public Comment

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

5. Minutes: Mayor Benestante presented the minutes from the regular October 7, 2024, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes from the regular called October 7, 2024, 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 the Council for approval. A motion to pay the bills was made by Alderman Jennifer Manuel and seconded by Alderman Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

7. Reports:

A. Operation of Treatment Plant and Collections System – Josh Taylor, the city’s sewer operator, presented the report on the Operation of the Treatment Plant and Collections Systems. The plant operated at 17 percent capacity for the month of October and flowed an average of 0.46 MGD. Josh updated on Lift Stations 1,2, & 4, the generators at each lift station are waiting on injector pumps to be built and shipped to be fixed. All three generators have had old diesel pumped out and new diesel pumped in.

B. Financial & Legislative Reports – Mayor John Benestante briefed Council with the current financial profit and loss statements for the General account, Sewer & Maintenance, Hotel/Motel, Capital Projects, Community Center, Legislative Updates, and Investment Report. Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions regarding the profit and loss statements. There were none.

C. GRANT/FUND Reports: Mayor John Benestante briefed Council with the current Grant/Fund Reports for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act-COVID-TDEM),

CDBG-MITMOD (GLO-\$631,000-Sewer Expansion), Texas CDBG (TDA \$500,000-Sewer), RCP-(GLO-\$300,000 Flood Mitigation/Mapping Studies/Zoning), Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TxDOT \$3,000,000-Sidewalks) Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions regarding reports. There were none.

- D. City Attorney Reports- City Attorney Greg Magee briefed Council he is still working on the Resolution for the Transmission Lines, just waiting to see the path that they are trying to take which is still unclear.
- E. Sewer Reports: Briefing on sewer adjustments & sewer cutoffs – Assistant City Executive Administrator, Amanda Villa briefed Council on the sewer adjustments made to customer accounts in the month of October. Amanda also briefed Council that there was one customer account that was locked in the month of October but has since been reinstated.
- F. State of the City Report – Mayor Benestante briefed Council over the new happenings around the city.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Discussion and possible action on loose dog ordinance-City Attorney Greg Magee discussed with council the loose dog ordinance and to wait until the first of the year to speak with the new Sherriff. No action was taken at this time.
- B. Discussion and possible action on Live Oak Street-Mayor Benestante and City Attorney Greg Magee, briefed the Council on Live Oak Street. No action was taken at this time.
- C. Discussion and possible action on resolution concerning Street Lane right of way 30-foot easement. After a general discussion, a motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-4 by Alderman Kyle Currie concerning Street Lane right of way 30-foot easement. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

9. NEW BUSINESS:


- A. Discussion and possible action to approve a City's Policy for Preventing Use of Prohibited technology. A motion was made by Jessica Sewell to approve a City Policy for Preventing Use of Prohibited technology. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.
- B. Discussion and possible action to repeal Ordinances 88-3 and 2006-09 regarding the sales of alcoholic beverages near public and private schools, churches,

hospitals, and daycare facilities, and to enact an ordinance prohibiting such sales which conforms with current State law. After a discussion with City Attorney Greg Magee, a motion was made by Jessica Sewell to repeal Ordinances 88-3 and 2006-09 regarding the sales of alcoholic beverages near public and private schools, churches, hospitals, and daycare facilities, and to enact Ordinance 2024-03 prohibiting such sales which conforms with current State law. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.

- C. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2024-05 for the submission of the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. After a general discussion a motion was made by Alderman Nichole Gatewood to approve Resolution 2024-05 for the submission of the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Grant Fund Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.
- D. Discussion and possible action to approve the architectural design firm for the new City of Coldspring Community Center. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Nichole Gatewood to approve the architectural design firm for the new City of Coldspring Community Center. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.
- E. Discussion and possible action on City of Coldspring's 2025 City Holiday Schedule. A motion was made by Dianne Griffith to approve the 2025 City Holiday Schedule. This motion was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.
- F. Discussion and possible action on City of Coldspring Resolution 2024-06 for the City of Coldspring to authorize the State of Texas to close Highway 150 and FM 1514 for the purpose of the Annual Christmas on the Square Activities on Saturday, December 14, 2024. A motion was made by Jennifer Manuel to approve Resolution 2024-06 for the City of Coldspring to authorize the State of Texas to close Highway 150 and FM 1514 for the purpose of the Annual Christmas on the Square Activities on Saturday, December 14, 2024. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.
- G. Discussion and possible action on approving City of Coldspring 2025 Budget. After a general discussion a motion was made by Jennifer Manuel to approve the 2025 City of Coldspring Budget. This motion was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.
- H. Discussion and possible action on accepting the property and appurtenances of 20 Hill Avenue, Coldspring Texas 77331. After a general discussion a motion was made by Jessica Sewell for the City of Coldspring to accept the property and appurtenances of 20 Hill Avenue, Coldspring Texas 77331. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.


10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell at 8:11PM and was seconded by Alderman Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.



John Benestante, Mayor

Attest:



Jody Barr, City Secretary