City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2024

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call.

   Present: Alderman Jennifer Manuel, Nichole Gatewood, Kyle Currie and Mayor John Benestante

   Absent: Alderman Jessica Sewell and Alderman Dianne Griffith

   Visitors: Judi Benestante, Linda & Gerald Deeter, Kris Eastham, Emmitt Eldridge, Greg Magee-City Attorney

3. Gerald Deeter spoke to the council asking if they would reconsider putting up a stop sign at Brookshire Brothers.

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 November 4, 2024, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes from the regular called November 4, 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 Nichole Gatewood and seconded by Alderman Jennifer Manuel. 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 23 percent capacity for the month of November and flowed an average of 0.47 MGD. Rain Total was 5.25 inches. Josh updated on Lift Stations 1,2, & 4, the plan is still to fix the generator at lift station 4 and then lift station 1 and 2. The pump was delivered, and the contractor plans to repair the generator this week. Lift station 5, Elite Pumps ran the new electrical to the control panel. SHECO set a new pole and a new meter.

   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, Investment Report and TX DOT 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 on the terms of accepting the property deed for the Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department.

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 November. Amanda also briefed Council that there were three customer accounts that were locked in the month of November, two have since been reinstated and one is still locked.

F. State of the City Report – Mayor Benestante briefed Council on SHECO adding a 3-phase at lift station 5. FEMA will be doing a field inspection tomorrow at the Fire Department building. The City is applying for more grants next year to help fund projects.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and possible action on Joint Election Contract for election services. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Kyle Currie to accept the Joint Election Contract for election services. This motion was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.

B. Discussion and possible action on accepting APRA-CLFRF Pea Patch Lift Station Equipment Small Purchase Bid Results and Engineer's Recommendation of Smith Pump Company Inc. of $46,689.00. After a general discussion a motion was made by Nichole Gatewood to accept the APRA-CLFRF Pea Patch Lift Station Equipment Small Purchase Bid Results and Engineer's Recommendation of Smith Pump Company Inc. of $46,689.00. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.

C. Discussion and possible action for Council to give Mayor Benestante permission to accept property deed for the Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department on said property and appurtenances at 20 Hill Ave Coldspring, TX. After a general discussion, a motion was made by Kyle Currie to give Mayor Benestante permission to accept the property deed for the Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department on said property and appurtenances at 20 Hill Ave Coldspring, TX. This motion was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Nichole Gatewood at 7:34PM and was seconded by Alderman Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.

John Benestante

John Benestante, Mayor

Attest:

Jody Barr

Jody Barr, City Secretary