

**City of Coldspring, Texas**  
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting  
Monday, June 2, 2025

1. Meeting called to order 7:04 PM

2. Roll call.

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

**Visitors:** Michelle Haylock- Derren Hall-Polk County Publishing, Barbara Justice-NAACP, Judi Benestante Ph.D., Gerald & Linda Deeter, Tracy Shipley, Greg Magee-City Attorney, Luke Sweeney-Precinct 1 Commissioner, Kris Eastham-TDEM

3. No Public Comments

4. **Agenda:** Mayor Benestante presented the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Nichole Gatewood made a motion to adopt the agenda. Alderman Kyle Currie seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. **Minutes:** Mayor Benestante presented the minutes from the regular May 5, 2025, meeting. A **motion** to accept the minutes from the regular called May 5, 2025, meeting, was made by Alderman Jennifer Manuel and seconded by Alderman Jessica Sewell. 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 31 percent capacity for the month of May and flowed an average of 0.63 MGD. Rain Total was 7.5 inches. Josh updated on Lift Stations 1,2,3,4, & 5 they had no issues. At lift station 6, 5B Controls replaced the broken discharge piping. Hydroclear did a top and bottom clean on all lift stations, removing sand and trash. No sampling issues for April.

B. **Financial & Legislative Reports** – Jerri Conrado spoke by video conference to update council about the RPC funding. The project is at 35% completed. Mayor John Benestante briefed Council with the current financial profit and loss statements for the General account, Sewer & Maintenance, Hotel/Motel, Capital Projects, Investment Report, Community Center, Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department, San Jacinto County Historical Commission. 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), Texas Parks and Wildlife (\$300,000 City Park 2) Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions regarding reports. There were none.
- D. No City Attorney Reports
- 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 May. Amanda also briefed Council that there were three customer accounts that were locked off for non-pay. Two have since paid and one customer said they no longer needed services.

#### 8. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Briefing on Visit Coldspring, Texas- Mayor Benestante briefed council on Visit Coldspring, Texas. The city has a new and updated website that has been updated and reconstructed and it is up and running.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding approving fence required in Ordinance 88-4 (Salvage and Junk Yard) at 301 SH 150 Coldspring, Texas 77331. This item was tabled.

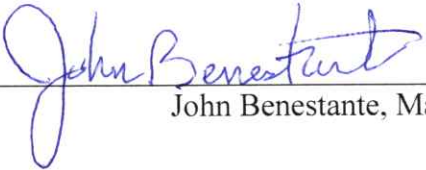
#### 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Accept Canvas Results Report for City of Coldspring May 3, 2025, General Election- A motion was made by Dianne Griffith to accept the Canvas Results Report for the City of Coldspring's May 3, 2025, General Election. This motion was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.
- B. Briefing on Record Retention Building- Mayor Benestante briefed the Council on the plans for a Record Retention Building. This will be located at the sewer plant at 211 Jones Rd. The city is in the initial stages of building design.
- C. Discussion and possible action on Coldspring Youth Dixie League Memorandum of Understanding. After a brief discussion Jessica Sewell made a motion to approve and accept with changes the Coldspring Youth Dixie League Memorandum of Understanding. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.
- D. Discussion and possible action on public event application for Polk-San Jacinto NAACP Juneteenth Parade on Saturday, June 21, 2025-After a brief discussion, a

motion was made by Nichole Gatewood to approve the public event application for Polk-San Jacinto NAACP Juneteenth Parade on Saturday, June 21, 2025 pending approval from the San Jacinto County Sherriff's Office and Office of Emergency Management. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in Favor.

10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell at 8:16PM and was seconded by Alderman Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.

  
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John Benestante, Mayor

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Jody Barr, City Secretary