

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Regular Called Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025

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

PRESENT: Alderman Jessica Sewell, Jennifer Manuel, Dianne Griffith, Kyle Currie and Mayor John Benestante

ABSENT: Alderman Nichole Gatewood

VISITORS: Judi Benestante PhD, Brian Beal, Don Rushing, Marsha Strickland-City Municipal Judge, Shawna Holman & Michelle Haylock-CVFD, Luke Sweeny-Precinct 1 Commissioner, Jerri Conrado-LCMS, Linda & Gerald Deeter, Dennis K-LCMS, Celeste Alvarez-LCMS, Derren Hall-SJNT, Debra Thomas, Greg Magee-City Attorney, Ray McCoppin-San Jacinto County TV

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jerri Conrado updated the public on the Resilient Communities Program (RCP) Comprehensive Plan.
4. AGENDA: Mayor Benestante presented the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Dianne Griffith 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 called October 6, 2025, meeting. A motion to accept the minutes from the regular called October 6, 2025, meeting, was made by Alderman Jennifer Manuel and seconded by Alderman Kyle Currie. 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 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 22 percent capacity for the month of October and flowed an average of .044 MGD. Rain Total was 2.75 inches. The Onsite Lift Station located at 211 Jones Road has had the replacement of the discharge piping

installed. Josh updated on Lift Stations 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 having no issues. No sampling issues for the month of September.

- 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, Investment Report, Community Center, Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department. Michelle Haylock reported on the Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department for the month of October. Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions regarding the profit and loss statements. There were none.

 - C. CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORTS: Mayor John Benestante briefed Council with the current Capital Project Reports for the Community Center, Fire Department Building, TX Dot Sidewalk Project, Department of Agriculture-CDBG-TDA Grant Project (Faulkner), General Land Office-MIT MOD- Grant Project (SH 150 W/FM 2025 Sewer Project), Texas Parks and Wildlife City Park #2 Project, City Hall Extension and City Record Retention Building/Public Works. Mayor Benestante asked for any comments or questions regarding reports. There were none.

 - D. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT: City Attorney Greg Magee spoke over the Municipal Court Ordinance that needs updated to current legislature wording.

 - 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 were no customer accounts that were locked off for non-pay.
8. OLD BUSINESS:
- A. Discussion and possible action on City Ordinance 90-2 Hotel Occupancy Tax-Delinquent filers and payments. After a brief discussion, City Attorney Greg Magee will review the City Ordinance 90-2 Hotel Occupancy Tax, and this will be tabled until the next meeting.

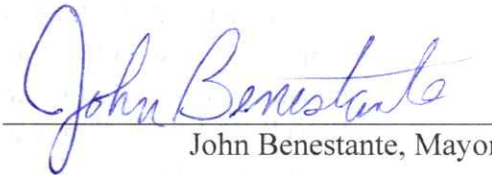
 - B. Discussion and possible action on an interlocal agreement with the San Jacinto County Emergency Services district regarding usage of the city owned Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department building. An Interlocal agreement with the San Jacinto County Emergency Services district regarding usage of the city owned Coldspring Volunteer Fire Department building will be tabled until next meeting.
9. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Discussion and possible action on City of Coldspring 2026 City Holiday Schedule. A motion was made by Jennifer Manuel to accept the City of Coldspring 2026 City Holiday Schedule. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

- B. Discussion and possible action of City of Coldspring Resolution 2025-08 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 13, 2025. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Kyle Currie to approve Resolution 2025-08 for the city 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 13, 2025, pending updated insurance. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.
- C. Discussion and possible action on approving the City of Coldspring 2026 Budget. A motion was made by Jennifer Manuel to approve the City of Coldspring 2026 Budget. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.
- D. Discussion and possible action on City Employee Salary Schedule. After a general discussion, a motion was made by Kyle Currie to approve the City Employee Salary Schedule. This motion was seconded by Dianne Griffith. All in favor.
- E. Discussion and possible action concerning award of a construction contract for the GLO CDMG-MIT MOD Grant #concerning award of a construction contract for the GLO CDBG-MIT MOD Grant #24-065-001-E158 City of Coldspring S W Sewage Collection System Improvements. Mayor John Benestante briefed council on the construction contract for the extension of sewer lines and improvements. Jessica Sewell made a motion to award the construction contract for the GLO CDMG-MIT MOD Grant #concerning award of a construction contract for the GLO CDBG-MIT MOD Grant #24-065-001-E158 City of Coldspring S W Sewage Collection System Improvements to 5-T Utilities. This motion was seconded by Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.
- F. Briefing on Coldspring Area Library's proposal for building expansion. After a brief discussion on the Coldspring Area Library's proposal for building expansion, a motion was made by Dianne Griffith to authorize Mayor John Benestante to speak with the Coldspring Area Library and discuss future expansion plans. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.
- G. Discussion and possible action on authorizing Mayor to work with the San Jacinto County Sheriff's office on drafting a memorandum of understanding concerning the San Jacinto County Animal Control Officer to service the City of Coldspring and provide City Code Enforcement support. After a general discussion a motion was made by Jessica Sewell authorizing Mayor Benestante to work with the San Jacinto County Sheriff's office on drafting a memorandum of understanding concerning the San Jacinto County Animal Control Officer to service the City of Coldspring and provide City Code Enforcement support. This motion was seconded by Dianne Griffith. All in favor.

- H. Discussion and possible action on memorandum of understanding with Coldspring Youth League. This was tabled until next meeting.
- I. Discussion and possible action on the addition of an awning on the concession stand building at City Park #1. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Jessica Sewell to approve the addition of an awning on the concession stand building at City Park #1. This was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.
- J. Discussion and possible action on a city ordinance for loitering. City Attorney Greg Magee discussed with council a city ordinance for loitering, he will work on the language for the ordinance to bring back for approval.
- K. Discussion and possible action authorizing Mayor to research the purchase of two tracts of property. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Dianne Griffith to table the research on the purchase of two tracts of property. This was seconded by Kyle Currie. All in favor.

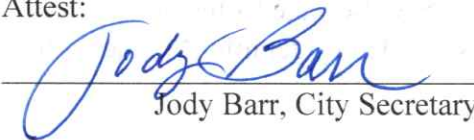
10. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell at 7:55PM and was seconded by Alderman Jennifer Manuel. All in favor.



John Benestante, Mayor

Attest:



Jody Barr, City Secretary