

City of Coldspring, Texas
Minutes of the Special Called Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

1. Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

2. Roll call.

Present: Alderman Jessica Sewell, Dianne Griffith, Nichole Gatewood, and Mayor John Benestante

Absent: Alderman's, Jennifer Manuel, and Kyle Currie

Visitors: Greg Magee-City Attorney, Rae Lynn Phillips-Precinct 1 Constable

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: A letter from Dennis Ready was entered into public comment and read by Mayor John Benestante regarding the upcoming protest scheduled for Saturday, March 28, 2026.

4. AGENDA: Mayor Benestante presented the agenda for the meeting. Alderman Dianne Griffith made a motion to adopt the agenda. Alderman Nichole Gatewood seconded the motion. All in favor.

5. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion and possible action to amend the 2026 General Budget to include a line item for the San Jacinto County Animal Shelter for the amount of \$10,000 by removing said amount from the Contingency Fund line item. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dianne Griffith, to table until the next called regular meeting on the action to amend the 2026 General Budget to include a line item for the San Jacinto County Animal Shelter for the amount of \$10,000 by removing said amount from the Contingency Fund line item. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

B. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution 2026-02 authorizing the Mayor or his designee to contract amendment request for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program, Community Development Fund contract between the City of Coldspring and the Texas Department of Agriculture, Contract Number CDV23-0071. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Nichole Gatewood to approve Resolution 2026-02 authorizing the Mayor or his designee to contract amendment request for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (Tx CDBG) Program, Community Development Fund contract between the City of Coldspring and the Texas Department of Agriculture, Contract number CDV23-0071 with correction made of the misspelling to whereas. This was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.

- C. Discussion and possible action on SJC Master Gardeners agreement to relocate their demonstration gardens from the Coldspring Community Center to City Park #2. A motion was made by Nichole Gatewood, to table SJC Master Gardeners agreement to relocate their demonstration gardens from the Coldspring Community Center to City Park #2 to the next schedule regular meeting with a proposed Resolution. This motion was seconded by Jessica Sewell. All in favor.
- D. Discussion and possible action to acknowledge the agreement of a working easement given by Johnnie Berger for the purpose of constructing a sewer lift station on the easement property, and the granting of one sewer tap and the one-time sum of \$5,000.00 to Johnnie Berger in consideration of said working easement. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Dianne Griffith, to table until the next scheduled regular meeting, on the agreement of a working easement given by Johnnie Berger for the purpose of constructing a sewer lift station on the easement property, and the granting of one sewer tap and the one-time sum of \$5,000.00 to Johnnie Berger in consideration of said working easement. This motion was seconded by Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.

7. ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Jessica Sewell at 7:29 PM and was seconded by Alderman Nichole Gatewood. All in favor.

Attest:



Jody Barr, City Secretary



John Benestante, Mayor