

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session January 21, 2020

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on January 21, 2020 with six Council Members present including, Cheryl Wedel, Steve McLaughlin, Zeta Penner, Earlene Smith, Vona Hicks and Vicky Dunlap. Also present were City Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator JC Moser and City Clerk Christie Cherry. Council Member James Newman and City Attorney Johnny Beech were absent.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND DECLARATION OF A QUORUM:

Mayor Jerry Beech called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. City Clerk Christie Cherry called roll and a quorum was declared to be present.

MOTION AND VOTE TO ADOPT AGENDA:

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the agenda by placing Potential Voting Items C & J to be heard immediately after the agenda. Council Member Dunlap seconded.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve financial reports for Period 5, November, 2019 and Period 6, December, 2019.

Dacia Phillips with rs Meacham reported financials to council members. Council Member Wedel made a motion to approve financial reports for period 5, November, 2019 and Period 6, December 2019. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hicks.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

*******City Attorney Johnny Beech arrived at 6:12 pm*******

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *(Board shall vote to enter into Executive Session and state the approximate time to be allowed for the Executive Session.)*

ii: Confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. *pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)4.*

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. *pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)4* allowing forty five (45) minutes beginning at 6:14 pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Dacia Phillips entered into Executive Session with council members, city administrator, mayor and city attorney.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to reconvene at 6:24 pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider and/or possible take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

City Attorney Johnny Beech advised that council met with accountant to discuss discrepancies in city cash balances.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Receive reports.

Information items received in packets.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion on installing screening material on south windows of City Hall and west windows and door of Community Center.

City Administrator Moser spoke with council members and advised that screening material would keep sun from shining through windows and that the wood portion would be painted.

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to accept the resignation of Kelly Maddox-Tilley Ward 3 Council Member and declare the seat vacant.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Maddox-Tilley ward 3 Council Member and declare the seat vacant. Motion was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019 regular Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve expenditures for Period 6, December, 2019 totaling \$ 120,961.27.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve expenditures for Period 6, December, 2019 totaling \$ 120,961.27. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Ordinance #2020-01 regarding the utility rate yearly increases.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to approve Ordinance #2020-01 regarding the utility rate yearly increases and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: Smith

Motion carried: Aye: 5
Nay: 1

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the emergency clause.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve the emergency clause and was seconded by Council Member Hicks.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: Smith

Motion not carried: Aye: 5
Nay: 1

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to appoint someone to Planning and Zoning/Historic Preservation boards.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to appoint Charles Sappington to Planning and Zoning/Historic Preservation Boards and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to appoint someone to serve on the MOIF Board for a 3 year term.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to replace Charlie Greene and to appoint Mayor Jerry Beech and Bob Plummer to serve on the MOIF Board for a term of three (3) years. Motion was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to declare 2003 American LaFrance Fire Engine VIN: 4Z3AAACG53RL72762 as surplus and allow to send to auction for disposal.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to declare 2003 American LaFrance Fire Engine VIN: 4Z3AAACG53RL72762 as surplus and allow to send to auction for disposal. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *(Board shall vote to enter into Executive Session and state the approximate time to be allowed for the Executive Session.)*

ii: Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of Police Officer Michael Cody. pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)1.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:34 pm and to allow forty five (45) minutes to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of Police Officer Michael Cody. *pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)1.* Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

At 6:34 pm City Administrator Moser, City Attorney Johnny Beech, Police Chief Brandon Rogers and Michael Cody entered into Executive session along with council members.

At 6:46 pm Michael Cody exited Executive Session.

At 6:55 pm, Council Member Dunlap made a motion to reconvene and was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider and/or possible take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

City Attorney advised that council heard from Mayor Beech, City Administrator Moser, Police Chief Rogers and Michael Cody. Council Member Wedel made a motion to uphold Police Chief Rogers decision and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Penner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Council Member McLaughlin spoke to council members in reference to bidding on gas pricing, the west boundary line, the dumping of tree limbs, citizens placing trash at curbs before and after dump week, initiating time clocks and parking drive home vehicles, stating that the city needed to look into ways of saving money. Council member Dunlap asked how much longer the city had on the trash pickup contract. City Attorney Beech advised that he would look into it. Code Enforcement Officer Cherry was encouraged to write citations for violations of dump week.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member McLaughlin to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Smith, Pinner, Wedel, McLaughlin and Hicks.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Jerry Beech, Mayor

Christie Cherry, City Clerk