

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLEMAN
CITY HALL
TUESDAY, August 6, 2020
5:15 P.M.

Present: Mayor Tommy Sloan, Mayor Pro Tem Sharlene Hetzel, Councilman Bobby McGee, Councilman Monte Sides, City Manager Diana Lopez, City Attorney Pat Chesser and City Secretary Karen Langley.

Absent: *Councilwoman Tracy Rankin*

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: *Mayor Tommy Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm, and gave the invocation.*
2. Introductions, Announcements, and Recognitions: *None*
3. Items to be withdrawn: *None*
4. Citizen Presentations: *None*
10. The City Council may enter Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to:
 - A. Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) to secure legal advice and counsel from City Attorney regarding a Chapter 380 Agreement with Coleman County Medical Center District.
 - B. Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters): Hear report on investigation being conducted by outside attorney. *Council entered executive session at 5:20 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 7:15 p.m.*
11. Following Executive Session, the Council may
 - A. Discuss, consider, and act upon a Chapter 380 Agreement with Coleman County Medical Center District. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel to approve a Chapter 380 Agreement with Coleman County Medical Center District. Councilman Sides seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*
 - B. Discuss, consider, and act upon the investigative report from outside counsel. *A statement was read by Mayor Sloan: On June 17, 2020, an employee of the City of Coleman submitted a written complaint alleging harassing conduct, occurring in December 2019, and a hostile work environment created by City Manager Diana Lopez. The City of Coleman takes all complaints of harassment seriously and engaged Messer, Fort & McDonald, PLLC to conduct an independent investigation. The investigation is now complete, and the findings were presented to the City Council in executive session. While the details of the investigation will remain confidential, in-person interviews with identified witnesses and persons with relevant knowledge were conducted. Those persons did not substantiate the allegations of misconduct stated by the complainant. As a result, the complaint against Ms. Lopez is not sustained. Both parties have or will be informed of the investigation's findings and no further action by the City will be taken at this time. On a more personal note, the City Council and I are very confident in Diana's abilities and her integrity. We believe that everything she does is in the best interests of Coleman, both for her employees and its citizens.*
5. Discuss, consider, and act upon the approval of minutes for the City of Coleman Council Meeting held on July 16, 2020. *A motion was made by Councilman Sides approve the minutes of the City of Coleman Council Meeting held on July 16, 2020. Councilman McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*
6. Hear request from the City Council for future agenda items. *Mayor Sloan requested an update on the Fire Department Assessment Report and an update on the Police Department Assessment Report.*

7. Discuss, consider and act upon adoption of a Resolution of the City of Coleman, Texas authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program Fund and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager as the designated authorized representatives. *A motion was made by Councilman McGee to adopt a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas community Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program Fund an authorizing the Mayor and City Manager as the designated authorized representatives. Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*
8. Discuss, consider and act upon a Resolution of the City of Coleman calling for a Special Election on November 3, 2020 on the question of amendments to the City of Coleman's Home Rule Charter previously called for Saturday, May 2, 2020 as allowed by Proclamation of the Governor issued on March 18, 2020 and adopted by Resolution 20-11 of the City Council. *A motion was made by Councilman Sides to adopt a Resolution calling for a Special Election for November 3, 2020 on the question of amendments to the City of Coleman's' Home Rule Charter. Councilman McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*
9. Discussion regarding the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Revised City of Coleman Budget and Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Proposed City of Coleman Budget. *No Action.*
11. Adjournment: *A motion was made by Councilman Sides to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Councilman McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.*


MAYOR


CITY SECRETARY