

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLEMAN
CITY HALL
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021
5:15 P.M.

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

Absent:

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: *Mayor Tommy Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm, and Assistant City Manager James King gave the invocation.*
2. Introductions, Announcements, and Recognitions:
 - Promotions – Coleman Police Department – *Interim Police Chief Chris Bratton presented Officer Pat Salas certification of a promotion to the rank of Sergeant in the Coleman Police Department.*
3. Items to be withdrawn: *No items were withdrawn from the agenda.*
4. Citizen Presentations: *No requests were received from Citizens to address the board.*
5. Discuss, consider, and act upon the approval of minutes for the City of Coleman Council meeting held on February 22, 2021. *A motion was made by Councilmember Sides to approve the minutes of the City of Coleman Council Meeting held on February 22, 2021. Councilmember McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with Mayor Sloan abstaining, as he was absent from the meeting on February 22, 2021.*
6. Hear requests from the City Council for future agenda items. *No requests were received from Council for future agenda items.*
7. Hear update from Fire Chief/Emergency Management Coordinator Jimmy Watson regarding COVID-19.
8. Hear presentation regarding preparation and submission of a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the FY 2020 Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Grant Program.
9. Hear presentation from the Coleman Police Department regarding the City of Coleman 2020 Racial Profiling Data Report. *No action was taken.*
10. Hear presentation from the Lake Coleman Police Department regarding the Lake Coleman 2020 Racial Profiling Data Report. *No action was taken.*
11. Receive update from Interim Police Chief Chris Bratton regarding operations of the Coleman Police Department. *No action was taken.*
12. Discuss, consider, and act upon a Resolution ordering the cancellation of the General Election scheduled for May 1, 2021. *A motion was made by Councilmember Rankin to approve a resolution of the City of Coleman ordering the cancellation of the general election scheduled for May 1, 2021, declaring unopposed candidates for Mayor, Place 2 (West Ward) and Place 3 (East Ward) and declaring them elected to office. Councilmember Sides seconded the motion. The motion carried. 5-0.*
13. Discuss, consider, and act upon the recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Revenue Advisory Board to fund a request for HOT funds to Petticoats on the Prairie Vintage Market in the amount of \$4,000 for the Petticoats on the Prairie Vintage Market to take place March 26-27, 2020. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel to accept the recommendation from the HOT Revenue Advisory Board and approve a request to fund Petticoats on the Prairie Vintage Market in the amount of \$4,000 for the Petticoats on the*

Prairie Vintage Market to take place March 26 -27, 2021. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

14. Receive update related to Winter Storm Uri and voluntary completion of the Texas Division of Emergency Management's – Texas Individual Assistance Reporting Tool, an individual survey to identify damages across Coleman County to assist TEDEM in reporting information to FEMA for counties yet to be included in the President's Major Disaster Declaration for Individual Assistance. *No action was taken.*
15. Discuss, consider, and act upon a Resolution of the City of Coleman to provide the City Manager authority related to fee waivers, utility credits, and any other adjustments necessary for issues related to the severe winter storm in the State of Texas in February 2021; and providing an effective date. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel to adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to waive fees (No application of late fees assessed for the February billings cycles (service dates), Late fees will resume in April for the March billing cycles); apply utility credits (Customers will be provided the ability to enter into payment arrangements to alleviate financial burdens upon reasonable terms and conditions as authorized by the City Manager); other adjustments necessary to customers for issues related to the severe winter storm in February of 2021 (That the City Manager is authorized to manage disconnections for delinquent accounts; The City Manager is authorized to waive fees for plumbing permits if a customer experienced a water leak); the City of Coleman Water Leak Forgiveness Policy was adopted with an effective date of February 1, 2021. Councilmember McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
16. The City Council may enter Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to:
 - A. Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) discussion with City Attorney regarding Contract for Ambulance Services.
Council entered into executive session at 6:19 p.m. Council returned to regular session at 7:03 p.m.
17. Upon returning to open session, the City Council may take whatever actions as they may deem appropriate regarding items discussed in Executive Session including:
 - A. Discuss, consider, and act upon extending the original term of the Agreement for Ambulance and Emergency Services between the City of Coleman, Texas; County of Coleman, Texas; Preferred Hospital Leasing Coleman, Inc; and Metrocare Services-Abilene, LP for Ambulance Services for an additional two months from August 31, 2021 to October 31, 2021. *A motion was made by Councilmember McGee to approve an amendment to extend the original term of the Agreement for Ambulance and Emergency Services between the City of Coleman, Texas; County of Coleman, Texas; Preferred Hospital Leasing Coleman, Inc; and Metrocare Services – Abilene, LP for an additional two months from August 31, 2021 to October 31, 2021. Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
18. Adjournment: *A motion was made by Councilmember Sides to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*


MAYOR


CITY SECRETARY