

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLEMAN
CITY HALL
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2014
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Kay Joffrion, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Payne, Councilman Terry Hyden, Councilman Johnny Needham, Councilman Danny Jameson, Acting City Manager Liz Campbell, City Attorney Lois Rockefeller, and City Secretary Karen Langley

ABSENT: City Manager Paul Catoe

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Kay Joffrion

INVOCATION: Councilman Danny Jameson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME OF VISITORS AND GUESTS: Mayor Joffrion welcomed visitors and guests.

HEARING OF VISITORS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Herma Jean Johnson – wanted to thank the City Council for hiring summer help for the City Cemetery. Also advise them there will be a group of Volunteers at the Cemetery on Saturday for a work day and wanted to invite everyone to join them. They are also interested in organizing a Cemetery Association. The Mayor suggested when they get more information concerning a Cemetery Association; they request to be placed on the agenda.

Nancy Emmert – asked that the Council consider placing a deed restriction covenant on the properties that are up for bid. The Mayor instructed Acting City Manager Campbell to place this on the agenda for the 18th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The City shall consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the funding of the city's long term debt obligations – Mayor Kay Joffrion and Eric Macha, Vice President First Southwest of Dallas. Eric Macha spoke to council with concerns of the funding of the City's long term debt obligations. He stated all Certificates of Obligation and General Refunding Bonds are approved by the Attorney General's Office.
2. The City Council shall consider, discuss and or take actions to conduct the second and final of two public hearings prior to setting the Tax Levy for 2014 pursuant to Local Government Code, Section 102.007 – Mayor Kay Joffrion. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:17 p.m. Joann Eddleman questioned on what bases the City can use ad-valorem tax monies to pay for GO Refunding Bonds? Would like a legal citation concerning the Government Code Title 9 section 1251. Eric Macha explained the original Certificates of Obligations were issued as being paid for with tax funds and city funds, so that carries over when they are refunded. The Public Hearing Closed at 6:48 p.m.
3. The City Council shall consider, discuss and or take actions to grant a variance regarding the use of metered water for construction use by area contractors during Stage 3 of the City's Drought Contingency Plan – Mayor Kay Joffrion and David Barnett, Contractor. David Barnett is petitioning the City Council to consider an exemption to the "discontinue use of bulk water loading stations" for a period of 120 days, until the Council can make permanent changes. A motion was made by Councilman Needham to grant a variance regarding the use of metered water for construction use by area contractors. Councilman Hyden seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.
4. The City Council shall consider, discuss and or take actions to revise the "Memorandum of Agreement Plan" between the City of Coleman and the City Manager – Mayor Kay Joffrion and Lois Rockefeller, City Attorney. Mayor Joffrion read the original Memorandum of Agreement Plan. The original agreement stated will attend Anger Management course or training for four sessions with one session a month. The revision is to attend Anger Management sessions at one a week. A motion was made by Councilman Jameson to accept the revision of Memorandum of Agreement Plan as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

The Mayor has requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss the Memorandum of Agreement and the written reprimand between the City of Coleman and the City Manager- Mayor Kay Joffrion. Mayor Joffrion stated she had received an anonymous letter concerning the recent actions of the Memorandum Agreement.

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Needham to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Councilman Hyden seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.


MAYOR


CITY SECRETARY