

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF COLEMAN
CITY HALL
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Kay Joffrion, Mayor Pro Tem Gary Payne, Councilman Danny Jameson, Councilman Johnny Needham, City Manager Paul Catoe and City Secretary Karen Langley.

ABSENT: Councilman Terry Hyden

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Mayor Kay Joffrion

INVOCATION: Councilman Danny Jameson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

HEARING OF VISITORS CONCERNING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA:
None

NEW BUSINESS:

7. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the proposal presented by Pat Chesser, currently serving as the Brownwood City Attorney to represent the City of Coleman with regards to their legal services – Mayor Kay Joffrion. Mayor Joffrion commented that previous City Attorney Lois Rockefeller has resigned. Pat Chesser spoke to council concerning his qualification. LeMoine Knox urges council not to rush into hiring an attorney and to look at other options. A motion was made by Councilman Needham to appoint Pat Chesser at the City Attorney to finish out the term. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the current contract with the Heart of Texas Ambulance Services and their letter of Termination of Services and the City Council may also consider proposals offered by Allegiance Ambulance Services providing that bidding requirements are not required under the requirements of Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code when a procurement is required to protect the public health or safety of the Municipalities Residents – Mayor Kay Joffrion and Jimmy Trowbridge EMT-P, District Manager of the West Region. Ricky Powell, President of Allegiance Ambulance made a presentation to Council with their proposal. A motion was made by Councilman Jameson to table this item until January 15, 2015 meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
2. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the seconded reading of an ordinance increasing Garbage Rates to the customers of the City of Coleman as per the rate increase passed on to the City by (IESI) Progressive in regards to their CPI rate increase – Mayor Kay Joffrion. A motion was made by Councilman Jameson to approve the seconded reading of Ordinance 1153 increasing Garbage Rates to the customers of the City of Coleman as per the rate increase passed on to the City by (IESI) Progressive, with spelling corrections. Councilman Needham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
3. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the approval of final revisions of the lease agreement between the City of Coleman and Coleman County Shooting Sports, a non-profit corporation for the lease of some 124.35 acres of land in Coleman, county Texas for use as a firearms sports range – Mayor Kay Joffrion and Johnny Needham, President of the non-profit corporation. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Payne to approve the final revisions of the lease agreement between the City of Coleman and Coleman County Shooting Sports, a non-profit corporation for the lease of some 124.35 acres of land in Coleman, County Texas for use as a firearms sports range. Councilman Jameson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
4. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the Public Hearing and Presentation to be made by Geoffrey Gay of Lloyd Gosselink, Attorneys at Law on January 15, 2015 – Mayor Kay Joffrion. A Public Hearing will be held at the Library on January 15, 2015.

5. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the approval of a Confidentiality Agreement related to the AEPEP records to be provided to Tri-Stem for conducting the Utility Audit – Mayor Kay Joffrion and City Attorney Lois Rockefeller. A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Payne to approve a Confidentiality Agreement related to the AEPEP records to be provided to Tri-Stem for conducting the Utility Audit. Councilman Needham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the City of Coleman applying for CDBG Grant Funds to replace portions of the Grey Street water line and to make application for a Comprehensive Planning Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture – Mayor Kay Joffrion, Kay Howard, President of HOWCO and Ken Martin, P.E. of Jacob & Martin, LTD. A motion was made by Councilman Jameson to authorize Jacob & Martin, LTD and HOWCO to make an application for a Comprehensive Planning Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Councilman Needham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
2. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding a request to call for a proposition amending the City Charter which will provide a measure that only those individuals living within each separate ward within the City may vote in their respective wards replacing the current voting at large program in each ward and to place said proposition on the ballot for the May 9, 2015 City General Election which would call for a special Election to be held on May 9, 2015 – Mayor Kay Joffrion and Nancy Emmert. Nancy Emmert requested of Council to place a Proposition on the ballot allowing only those who live in a Ward be allowed to vote in that Ward. No action was taken.
3. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions to call a General Election to elect City Officers and a possible Special Election which will be conducted on May 9, 2015 – Mayor Kay Joffrion and City Secretary Karen.
 - Appointment of the Election Judge and Alternate Election Judge.
 - Appointment of Karen Langley as the Early Voting Judge.
 - The City Council may approve a Resolution which allows the City to enter into a Contract with the Coleman ISD and the Coleman Hospital District to conduct the 2015 General Elections and a possible Special Election at the Coleman City Hall located at 200 West Liveoak, Coleman, Texas.
A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Payne to call a General Election to elect City Officers and possible special elections. Appointment Beverly Gee as Election Day Judge, Wanda Dieterich as Alternate Election Day Judge, and City Secretary Karen Langley as Early Voting Clerk. Approve Resolution 15-01 which allows the City to enter into a contract with the Coleman ISD and the Coleman Hospital District to conduct the 2015 General Elections and a possible Special Election at the Coleman City Hall. Councilman Needham seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
4. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the approval of the first reading of an Alcohol Beverage Ordinance – Mayor Kay Joffrion and City Attorney Lois Rockefeller. A motion was made by Councilman Needham to table this item. Councilman Jameson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
5. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding a request by Chief Jay Moses to revoke section 2.06.035, 2.06.036, and 2.06.037 of Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances regarding the requirement of Animal Dog Tags within the City of Coleman – Mayor Kay Joffrion and Chief Jay Moses. A motion was made by Councilman Needham authorizing the City Attorney to draw up an Ordinance to eliminate Articles 2. Councilman Jameson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
6. The City Council may consider, discuss and or take actions regarding the possible amendment of City Ordinance No. 951 regarding parking issues within the City of Coleman which may include but are not limited to Coleman Grain located at 1000 West Gross Street, Coleman, Texas – Mayor Kay Joffrion, Council Member Johnny Needham, and Chief Jay Moses. A motion was made by Councilman Needham authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance to resend Ordinance 951 in its entirety. Councilman Jameson seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0. A motion was made by Councilman Needham authorizing the City Attorney to prepare an Ordinance pertaining to parking and blocking loading docks. Mayor Pro Tem Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

STAFF COMMENTS:

1. The City Manager may provide an update on the work to be completed on the restoration of the Lake Coleman Road and the replacement of the meters – Mayor Kay Joffrion and City Manager Paul Catoe.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None

With no further business a motion was made by Councilman Jameson to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.


MAYOR


CITY SECRETARY