

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session

Monday, March 17, 2025

The New Cordell City Council met at the Cordell Community Center at 101 East Main behind City Hall on March 17, 2025 with seven council members present including: Blake Reed, Earlene Smith, Greg Cox, Bruce Wesner, Tad Boone, Larry Henderson, and Cheri Nabors. Also present were Mayor Phil Kliewer, City Attorney Shane Regier, Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman, and City Clerk Karla Ferrero. Council Member Sheri Parsons was absent. The agenda was posted on Friday, March 14, 2025 before 6 pm in the front window of City Hall.

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

Mayor Kliewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. City Clerk Ferrero called roll, and a quorum was declared to be present.

INFORMATION ITEMS: (Information items are presented for information only, they can be discussed but do not require action.)

- a) **Proclamation Honoring Baylor Moore – First Cordell Female Wrestling State Champion**
- b) **Proclamation Recognizing April as Fair Housing Month**
- c) **Receive reports.**
- d) **Representative from RSMeacham CPAs to present financial reports.**
- e) **Representative from FFIT Consulting, LLC to present monthly report.**

Mayor Phil Kliewer presented Baylor Moore with a proclamation naming March 17th as Baylor Moore Day to recognize her as the First Female Wrestling State Champion from Cordell.

Mayor Phil Kliewer presented council with a proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month. Kliewer explained that this is an annual proclamation.

Dacia Phillips from RSMeacham CPAs presented the financials through February for the first 8 months of the fiscal year.

Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman gave reports on the issues the water department is facing with the system, the windstorm and city response from Friday, March 14th, and thanked the City employees for their response. Hagerman also provided an update on the DEQ demolition grant, the funds are currently on hold while under review by the current federal administration.

PUBLIC REMARKS: (This time is set aside to allow the public opportunity to remark on agenda items only. Time will be limited to 3 minutes.)

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) **Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting on February 24, 2025.**
- b) **Approve Financial Reports Period 7, February 2025.****
- c) **Approve Expenditures Period 7, February 2025.****

****SCRIVENERS ERROR, Agenda states Period 7, February 2025, should be Period 8,**

February 2025**

Council Member Boone made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

Vote called: Aye: Reed, Cox, Smith, Wesner, Boone, Henderson, Nabors.
 Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
 Nay: 0

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POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

- A. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on adopting Fair Housing Resolution No. 2025-02 for the City of New Cordell, affirming the City's commitment to ensuring equal housing opportunities in compliance with Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, prohibiting discrimination in housing-related matters.**

Council Member Smith made a motion to adopt Fair Housing Resolution No. 2025-02 for the City of New Cordell, affirming the City's commitment to ensuring equal housing opportunities in compliance with Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988, prohibiting discrimination in housing-related matters. The motion was seconded by Council Member Cox.

Vote called: Aye: Reed, Cox, Smith, Wesner, Boone, Henderson, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

- B. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on declaring the property located at 116 W 7th Street, New Cordell, Oklahoma, a dilapidated structure and public nuisance in accordance with City Code Section 5-5-3, and proceeding with the abatement process, including potential demolition, as necessary to address health and safety concerns.**

Council Member Smith made a motion to declare the property located at 116 W 7th Street, New Cordell, Oklahoma, a dilapidated structure and public nuisance in accordance with City Code Section 5-5-3, and proceeding with the abatement process, including potential demolition, as necessary to address health and safety concerns. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wesner.

Vote called: Aye: Reed, Cox, Smith, Wesner, Boone, Henderson, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

- C. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on authorizing the application for the FY 2025 Firefighting Equipment and Gear Grant offered by Oklahoma Forestry Services, an 80/20 match grant with a total project cost of \$69,498.44, requiring a Town match of \$13,899.69.**

Council Member Boone made a motion to authorize the application for the FY 2025 Firefighting Equipment and Gear Grant offered by Oklahoma Forestry Services, an 80/20 match grant with a total project cost of \$69,498.44, requiring a Town match of \$13,899.69. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cox.

Vote called: Aye: Reed, Cox, Smith, Wesner, Boone, Henderson, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

- D. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Storms on March 14, 2025.**

Hagerman explained that this item was added pre-emptively in case Washita County was declared as part of the disaster. Washita County was not declared as part of the disaster declaration, so no action was taken.

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E. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Utility Billing Policies and their Forms.

Council Member Nabors made a motion to approve the Temporary Utility Disconnection Policies and Form. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Vote called: Aye: Reed, Cox, Smith, Wesner, Boone, Henderson, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

NEW BUSINESS: (Non-Agenda items or business. Discussion can be held, but action will be deferred until the next or some subsequent Regular or Special Meeting.)

None.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Council Member Cox said he was approached about why we do not sell surplus city property and where it would be sold. Hagerman stated that we are waiting on a complete list to finalize, and that the Council is welcome to provide direction about where to sell items, but that at previous meetings online auction houses like PurpleWave or GovDeals had been suggested.

MAYOR REMARKS:

Mayor Kliewer provided updates on the Highway Department signs for I-40 and the banners for the square. Kliewer also spoke regarding the historic square buildings and expressed a desire to verify those buildings carry insurance and have the City keep a record of such. Mayor Kliewer expressed his gratitude for the city's response to the evacuation and storm on Friday, March 14th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Boone made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Henderson.

Vote called: Aye: Reed, Cox, Smith, Wesner, Boone, Henderson, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.

Phil Kliewer/ Mayor

Karla Ferrero/ City Clerk