

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session May 18, 2020

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on April 20, 2020 with eight Council Members present including, Vona Hicks, James Newman, Steve McLaughlin and Lowell Holman. Attending via videoconference were Cheryl Wedel @ 1021 North Market, Earlene Smith @ 1602 North Glenn English, Vicky Dunlap @ 101 East Main, Zetta Penner @ 101 East Main. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator J. C. Moser, City Attorney Johnny Beech and City Clerk Christie Cherry.

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

Mayor Jerry Beech called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. City Clerk Christie Cherry called roll and a quorum was declared to be present.

MOTION AND VOTE TO ADOPT AGENDA:

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to adopt agenda and was seconded by Council Member Newman.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks
 and McLaughlin.
 Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
 Nay: 0

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

Receive Reports: Department Reports in packets. City Administrator Moser spoke with council members in reference to the upcoming budget, city roll off containers and the possibility of purchasing a wood chipper for disposing of tree limbs.

Representative from RSMeacham CPA's to present financial reports: Dacia Phillips advised council members of updated financial reports.

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

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approve minutes from Regular Meeting of April 20, 2020.

Approve Financial Reports Period 10, April 2020.

Approve Expenditures Period 10, April 2020 totaling \$ 126,196.84.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Council Member Hicks.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks
and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve contract with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for prisoners to work under the Prisoners Public Works Act.

City Administrator Moser advised that high school students could be hired to work part time. Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to not approve contract with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections for prisoners to work under the Prisoners Public Works Act. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks
and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2020-06 authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Large Equipment Grant for the purchase of a tree branch chipper.

Council Member Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-06 authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Large Equipment Grant for the purchase of a tree branch chipper. Motion was seconded by Council Member Holman.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks
and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2020-07 authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2020 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVA) Grant for the purchase of 4 bullet-proof vests.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #2020-07 authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2020 Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVA) Grant for the purchase of 4 bullet-proof vests. Motion was seconded by Council Member Newman.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve The City of New Cordell Personnel Handbook.

Council Member Hicks made a motion to approve The City of New Cordell Personnel Handbook and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the Best Practices Handbook for Oklahoma Municipalities.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the Best Practices Handbook for Oklahoma Municipalities and was seconded by Council Member Hicks.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on the closing of the Cordell Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Beech asked that Council Members McLaughlin, Newman and Holman recuse themselves from voting on this item because of polling practices that he had been advised of. City Attorney Johnny Beech stated that we could allow the votes. Council Member Wedel stated that she would like for all children under 12 (twelve) years of age to be accompanied by an adult when the pool does open back up. Council Member Dunlap made a motion to not open the Cordell Municipal Swimming Pool for the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hicks.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Penner, Smith, Hicks and McLaughlin.
Nay: Newman and Holman.

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 2

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 Newman stated he would like to further discuss the reasons for asking him to recuse his vote on the swimming pool opening or closing.

MAYOR REMARKS:

Mayor Beech advised council members that he was frustrated with all that has been accomplished for the City of New Cordell and without utility increases, we will not have a city. Mayor Beech advised that he would like to see sufficient infrastructure, building maintenance, the police department building repaired and the city offices updated to be made safer for the employees. Mayor Beech asked Council Member McLaughlin to form a Strategic Planning Committee consisting of two other Council Members along with three professionals from the community. Mayor Beech asked Council Member McLaughlin to report back on this assignment next month.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Council Member Hicks to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: Dunlap, Wedel, Newman, Penner, Holman, Smith, Hicks and McLaughlin.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Jerry Beech, Mayor

Christie Cherry, City Clerk