

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Special Session

Monday, September 25, 2023

The New Cordell City Council met in Special Session at the Cordell Community Center at 101 East Main behind City Hall on September 25, 2023 with eight council members present including: Blake Reed, Sheri Parsons, Greg Cox, Bruce Wesner, Lowell Holman, Tad Boone, Earlene Smith, and Cheri Nabors. Also present were Mayor Phil Kliewer, City Attorney Shane Regier, Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman, and City Clerk Karla Ferrero. The agenda was posted on Friday, September 15, 2023 before 5 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 6:03 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.)

None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

- A. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to apply for the OERSSIRF Grant FY 2023 for a new Ambulance, with the City of New Cordell matching 50% of cost for a total of \$118,500.00.**

Fire Chief and EMS Director Seth Slaughterback asked that the item be removed, and to wait for the next budget year to consider application.

No action was taken.

- B. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to Approve the Agreement for Professional Services with South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA), for Grant Writing/Administration of OERSSIRF Grant FY 2023. Grant Writing \$3,400, Grant Admin: \$600 Total: \$4,000.**

No action was taken.

- C. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to Open and Accept Request for Proposal (RFP 23-01) Downtown Landscape Beautification Project.**

One proposal was received from Horse Creek Landscaping. City Clerk Ferrero opened the envelope and passed it to Interim City Administrator Hagerman to announce. Hagerman read the details of the proposal to Council. The total bid was for \$72,000.00 with an additional \$6,200.00 to replace the fountain at the Pocket Park on the Square. Significant discussion was held by Council and the Mayor regarding what would be planted in the flower beds, and the strategy for replanting them in regards to the timing of the Pumpkin Festival.

Council Member Smith made a motion to accept the proposal from Horse Creek Landscaping at \$72,000.00 with an additional \$6,200.00 to replace the fountain at the Pocket Park on the Square. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cox.

Vote called: Aye: Parsons, Smith, Cox, Wesner, Boone, Holman, Nabors.

Nay: 0

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Motion carried: Aye: 7

Nay: 0

D. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to Open and Accept Request for Proposal (RFP 23-02) 107 S Market St. (Mural Building) Demolition Project.

Two proposals were received. City Clerk Ferrero opened the envelopes and passed them to Interim City Administrator Hagerman to announce one at a time. The first proposal was from Midwest Wrecking for \$155,840.00 to demolish the building except the West wall with two options regarding the West wall: an additional \$10,420.00 to remove the West wall, or an additional \$8,250.00 to shore up the West wall. The second proposal was from K&M Dirt Services for \$426,528.00 to demolish the building except the West wall. Council asked if the City would have to pay the difference if they go with the shoring option and it falls down. City Attorney Regier stated that would likely come down to a clause in the contract about preservation of existing structures, which Hagerman confirmed was a parameter of the proposal.

Council Member Parsons made a motion to accept the proposal from Midwest Wrecking at \$155,840.00 to demolish the building except the West wall with an additional \$8,250.00 to shore up the West wall. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boone.

Vote called: Aye: Parsons, Smith, Cox, Wesner, Boone, Holman, Nabors.

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7

Nay: 0

E. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to Participation in the Washita County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Kliever explained that this would be providing a letter of support.

Council Member Boone made a motion to Participate in the Washita County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parsons.

Vote called: Aye: Parsons, Smith, Cox, Wesner, Boone, Holman, Nabors.

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7

Nay: 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (Board shall vote to enter into Executive Session.)

- i. **To discuss the Purchase or Appraisal of Real Property, located at 202 N Temple St, 120 N Temple, 119 W 1st St, 120 W. 1st, 201 W Main St. and 401 W 2nd, Pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307 (B) 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.**
- ii. **To discuss Confidential Communication with the City Attorney on 3M Class Action Lawsuit Settlement. Pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307 (B) 4 of the Oklahoma Statutes. City Attorney has Determined Disclosure will Impair the Ability of the Board to Process the Claim in the Public Interest.**
- iii. **To discuss the Legal Process and Appraisal or Value of the Real Property, located at north and east of New Cordell, with the City Attorney, Pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307 (B) 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.**
- iv. **To discuss the Legal Process and Appraisal or Value of the Real Property, located at 107 S Market St, with the City Attorney, Pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307 (B) 3 of the Oklahoma Statutes.**

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- v. **To discuss Confidential Communication with the City Attorney on Inman Excavation. Pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307 (B) 4 of the Oklahoma Statutes. City Attorney has Determined Disclosure will Impair the Ability of the Board to Process the Claim in the Public Interest.**

Council Member Boone made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:48 pm and to invite City Attorney Regier and Interim City Administrator Hagerman to attend. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

Vote called: Aye: Parsons, Smith, Cox, Wesner, Boone, Holman, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Vote to come out of executive session.

Council Member Boone made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:31 pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wesner.

Vote called: Aye: Parsons, Smith, Cox, Wesner, Boone, Holman, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Consider and/or possible take action on items discussed in the Executive Session.

No report.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

None.

MAYOR REMARKS:

Regarding the graffiti around town over the weekend, the Police Department was able to catch them based on camera footage from the school. Kliewer furthered that it was important to be vigilant, and that these individuals came over from Clinton. Kliewer thanked Parsons for presiding over the Regular September meeting in his absence. Lastly, Kliewer expressed concern over a post from Slice 183 and remarked that it was important to support your local restaurants and businesses.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Vote called: Aye: Parsons, Smith, Cox, Wesner, Boone, Holman, Nabors.
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Phil Kliewer/ Mayor

Karla Ferrero/ City Clerk