

## NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

### Meeting Minutes of Regular Session October 21, 2019

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on October 21, 2019 with eight Council Members present including Steve McLaughlin, James Newman, Zetta Penner, Earlene Smith, Cheryl Wedel, Vona Hicks, Kelly Tilley and Vicky Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator JC 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 approve the agenda and to move potential voting item #d below potential voting item #a. Council Member Dunlap seconded.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

##### **Receive report from Mayor.**

Mayor Beech reminded council members and audience to silence their cell phones.

##### **Receive report from City Administrator.**

City Administrator Moser spoke to council members in reference to the downtown drainage “bump outs”, the replacing of an underground primary electric cable, an upcoming special meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup>, the use of a new boring tool, completion of the REAP grant application, a letter in reference to tree trimming to be enclosed with billing this month and Mrs. Pritchard working under contract to submit a request for reimbursement to FEMA for the major cost of repairing the line that was damaged from our wellfield to the clear well at the lake.

##### **Receive report from Public Works Director.**

None

##### **Receive reports from Police Department.**

None

**Kenny Downs to report from Cordell Memorial Hospital.**

Kenny Downs thanked the council for the support given to the hospital and advised that the hospital's yearly audit should be completed in mid-November of this year. Kenny Downs stated that he would schedule with City Administrator Moser to be placed on a council agenda to give the results of the audit.

**Receive report from Planning and Zoning Committee.**

John Anderson advised council members that 109 North Market and 707 South Cordell were both zoned addresses in Cordell for commercial use. City Attorney Johnny Beech discussed the changes that should be made to the existing ordinance relating to Medical Marijuana growing and cultivating.

**PUBLIC REMARKS:**

Amy Riggs stated that she was a business owner in Cordell and had been asked not to place items for sale on the sidewalk in front of her business by the Code Enforcement Officer.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None

**POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:**

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019 Special Meeting and Regular Meeting.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 Special Meeting and Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve financial reports for Period 3, September, 2019.**

Dacia Phillips with rs Meacham explained the financial and expenditures for Period 3, September 2019 to council members. Council Member Hicks made a motion to approve financial reports for Period 3, September, 2019 and was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Committee to grant exemptions to Ordinance #2019-05 requested by Mr. Scott Rogers at 109 North Market Street and Mr. Jason Courtney at 707 South Cordell Street to grow and cultivate Medical Marijuana commercially within the Corporate Limits of the City of New Cordell.**

No motion

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Ordinance #2019-05 concerning medical marijuana cultivator and processors prohibited within the City Limits.**

Tabled. To be placed on the November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council agenda.

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve expenditures for Period 3, September, 2019 totaling \$128,203.74.**

Council Member Tilley made a motion to approve expenditures for Period 3, September, 2019 totaling \$128,203.74 and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to allow the Chamber of Commerce to close Market Street from Main Street to Clay Street October 31, 2019 for Spook the Square event.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to allow Chamber of Commerce to close Market Street from Main Street to Clay Street October 31, 2019 for Spook the Square event. Motion was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Ordinance #4-4-2 Vendor, Solicitor or Peddler License.**

Council Member Tilley gave report from discussion held by committee members. Tabled until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council meeting.

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Ordinance #8-1-2 Prohibited to display and goods, wares or merchandise for sale, or to sell the same, on any street, alley or sidewalk, or from any vehicle parked thereon, in the corporate limits of the city.**

Council Member Wedel gave report from discussion held by committee members. Tabled until November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 council meeting.

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to allow Dollar General an exception to allow the placement of the ice machine on the public sidewalk in front of 120 West Main Street.**

Council Member Tilley made a motion to allow Dollar General an exception to allow the placement of the ice machine on the public sidewalk in front of 120 West Main Street and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to allow Washita County Drug Court Participants to clean and perform other duties at the Cordell Animal Control Facility (*Dog Pound*) with a signed waiver of liability from each participant.**

Council Member Hicks made a motion to allow Washita County Drug Court Participants to clean and perform other duties at the Cordell Animal Control Facility (*Dog Pound*) with a signed waiver of liability from each participant. Council Member Dunlap seconded. Council Member Hicks rescinded motion.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to NOT allow Washita County Drug Court Participants to clean and perform other duties at the Cordell Animal Control Facility (*Dog Pound*) with a signed waiver of liability from each participant and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap. Council Member Wedel requested the Drug Court Participants to be used to perform unrelated duties if possible.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Policy Providing Repayments of Abatement Charges Added to Utility Bills.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Policy Providing Repayments of Abatement Charges Added to Utility Bills. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019-20 adopting the Washita County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Council Member wedel made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-20 adopting the Washita County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve changing the design of the drainage in the downtown area to allow pipes and concrete to replace the open and covered drainage troughs.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve changing the design of the drainage in the downtown area to allow pipes and concrete to replace the open and covered drainage troughs. Motion was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *(Board shall vote to enter into Executive Session and state the approximate time to be allowed for the Executive Session.)*

**ii: Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of Fire Chief, Seth Slaughterback. pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)1.**

Council Member Wedel made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:53 pm and to allow one hour to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of Fire Chief, Seth Slaughterback. *pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)1.* Motion was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

At 7:11 pm Fire Chief Seth Slaughterback entered into executive session.

At 7:18 pm Fire Chief Seth Slaughterback came out of executive session.

At 7:20 Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to reconvene and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

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

City Attorney Johnny Beech advised that council members discussed the Fire Chief's annual evaluation and that Seth Slaughterback made a statement. Mayor Jerry Beech and City Administrator Moser will review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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Jerry Beech, Mayor

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Christie Cherry, City Clerk