

# NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes of Regular Session

Monday, December 18, 2023

The New Cordell City Council met at the Cordell Community Center at 101 East Main behind City Hall on December 18, 2023 with five council members present including: Blake Reed, Bruce Wesner, 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. Council Members Sheri Parsons, Greg Cox, and Lowell Holman were absent. The agenda was posted on Friday, December 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 6:11 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) **Receive reports.**
- b) **Representative from RSMeacham CPAs to present financial reports.**
- c) **Representative from FFT Consulting, LLC to present monthly report.**
- d) **Representatives from the Cordell Chamber of Commerce to present report.**

Dacia Phillips from RSMeacham CPAs presented the financials through November for the first 5 months of the fiscal year.

Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman gave reports on the departments and city operations. Electric has been working on replacing the electrical boxes in the beds around the square and on a permanent set-up at the old Dodge dealership property for an auction house moving in there. In the Water and Sewer Departments Justin, and Jimmy with the Meter Reading and Cemetery Department, passed their D water and wastewater exams. The Water Department has continued to flush hydrants, especially on Crider where Inman did not finish those tie-ins. They repaired a major water leak in front of Family Dollar, and there was a sewer issue on the homeowner's side at 4<sup>th</sup> & Dena. The Street Department hauled 28 loads, or 6 roll-offs, of trash and 24 loads of tree limbs. The limbs were burned today. The Police Department had 545 calls this month, and two officers exposed to fentanyl with Narcan administered. Both officers have recovered fine. They had one pursuit, Officer Miller is at CLEET, Officer Stewart is on military leave, and they did receive a grant through FLIR for a thermal imager. There will potentially be a meeting with Inman Excavating on Friday. An inspector has collected samples on the mural building. The DEQ Lead and Copper Service Line Inventory free assistance that Hagerman was looking into costs \$15,000. The JAG grant was received, Hagerman attended the mandatory training, and is completing the award packet. Those funds will become available to spend after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sarah Lau from the Cordell Chamber of Commerce gave reports on the theatre and Chamber activities. The theatre hosted approximately 1,500 students for Christmas movies and will have Christmas movies this weekend at \$3 per ticket. The theatre would like to replace the projector with a laser projector at a cost of \$10-20,000. Next year the theatre intends to show Little Girl Blue, a documentary based on a book written by Cordell graduate Randy Schmidt. The Chamber of Commerce offices have moved to the theatre. The Chamber's monthly "Shop the Blocks" has boosted local businesses, and the Chamber hopes to continue it into 2024, but will likely skip January. The old Sonic building owner has reached out to the Chamber about opening it as a laundromat. Lau stated that she would like to revisit promoter fees. Lau stated that a goal for the Chamber in 2023 was to increase the relationship with the City, and she feels that has been achieved. Lau also discussed the possibility of adding additional lights to the marquee.

**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.

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### DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) **Approve Minutes from Regular Meeting on November 20, 2023.**
- b) **Approve Financial Reports Period 5, November 2023.**
- c) **Approve Expenditures Period 5, November 2023.**

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

### POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

- A. **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution #2023-09 an INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING EMERGENCY DISPATCHING, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES.**

Hagerman explained that Washita County does the dispatching for the City of New Cordell, and this agreement must be renewed annually. Hagerman further stated that the cost is the same as last year.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Resolution #2023-09 an INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT REGARDING EMERGENCY DISPATCHING, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES. The motion was seconded by Council Member Boone.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

- B. **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Appointment of Sarah Boyd to replace Alyssa Wedel on the Preservation Review Commission.**

Council Member Smith made a motion to appoint Sarah Boyd to replace Alyssa Wedel on the Preservation Review Commission. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wesner.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

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**C. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Appointment of Bob Plummer, Keith Gerlach, Rick Weist and Greg Cox for Midwestern Oklahoma Industrial Foundation Members (MOIF).**

Mayor Kliewer explained that MOIF is the father board for MODA, and these are the Cordell Members. These are all re-appointments except Greg Cox, who is replacing Jerry Beech. Council Member Nabors made a motion to appoint Bob Plummer, Keith Gerlach, Rick Weist and Greg Cox for Midwestern Oklahoma Industrial Foundation Members (MOIF). Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
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 Nabors informed council that the installation of the library lights had been finished today and thanked Russell Electric. Nabors also asked about the process for getting two new exit signs for the library; Hagerman was asked to look into it. Council Member Smith asked what the progress was on getting the highway lights on is; Hagerman stated that they are still in communication with ODOT to figure out why the bulbs go out so quickly, but no progress had been made. Mayor Kliewer stated that on a related note, the city is also working to get the Historic District signs on I-40 replaced for free.

### **MAYOR REMARKS:**

Mayor Kliewer informed council the work is done on the two trees being carved on the square. Kliewer thanked Matt Giblet for his work on those.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.

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Phil Kliewer/ Mayor

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Karla Ferrero/ City Clerk