

## **NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes of Regular Session December 2, 2019**

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on December 2, 2019 with five Council Members present including, James Newman, Steve McLaughlin, Kelly Tilley, Vona Hicks and Vicky Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator JC Moser and City Clerk Christie Cherry. Council Members Cheryl Wedel, Earlene Smith and Zetta Penner were absent. City Attorney Johnny Smith was absent.

#### **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 Dunlap made a motion to approve the agenda. Council Member Tilley seconded.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
                      Nay: 0

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

##### **Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath for Christie Cherry, Code Enforcement Officer.**

Mayor Jerry Beech administered the Oath of Office and Loyalty Oath to Code Enforcer, Christie Cherry.

##### **Receive reports.**

Mayor Beech spoke to council members in reference to ordinances being enforced, the police officers rates of pay, police department building in need of repairs and keeping the towers full of water. City Administrator Moser reminded council members of the Employee Appreciation Dinner to be held December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Citizens being closed December 4-6 due to the cleaning of the floors, generators for the wells and pumps, handbooks recommended by OMAG, averaging customers utility accounts and comparisons of other cities electric rates. Council Member McLaughlin asked if water towers should have lights and City Administrator Moser advised that some do depending on their height.

#### **PUBLIC REMARKS:**

Amy Riggs asked council members why the city was bringing in catered food from outside the city for the Employee Appreciation Dinner. Mrs. Riggs was advised that the city did not pay taxes and that there were no caterers in town.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Council will walk over to the Police Department Building to inspect condition of building. Discussion will be held regarding condition of building and any options. (Council will return to Community Room after discussion of building)**

At 6:21 PM council members walked to the Police Department to look at the building. At 6:32 PM council members returned. Council Members Dunlap and Tilley agreed that the building was in need of repairs.

**POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:**

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting.**

Council Member Tilley made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve calendar year 2020 Holidays.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve calendar year 2020 Holidays, removing Columbus Day. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve calendar year 2020 City Council Meeting schedule.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve calendar year 2020 City Council Meeting schedule and remove 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of every month allowing one meeting monthly. Motion was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin. City Administrator Moser advised that ordinance would need to be changed and could be voted on at next December meeting.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Fire Department request to pay \$14,500.00 to help volunteer firemen purchase the bed and skid unit for brush pumper. (This needs to be completed before the MODA Grant Reimbursement of \$14,500.00 can be requested.)**

Fire Chief Seth Slaughterback advised council members that county funds were being used and that Grant would be reimbursed. Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Fire Department request to pay \$14,500.00 to help volunteer firemen purchase the bed and skid unit for brush pumper and was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to appoint someone to fill expired term of Board of Adjustment position #5 which will expire November 2022. (Position was held by Michelle Jones expired November 2019).**

Tabled until next meeting.

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to appoint someone to fill expired terms of Planning and Zoning/Historic Preservation boards positions #2 & #3 which will expire November 2022. (Position #2 was held by Christine Pena expired November 2019, Position #3 was held by Leigh Anne Laxton expired November 2019).**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to appoint Leigh Anne Laxton to fill expired term of Planning and Zoning/Historic Preservation board position #3 which expires November 2022. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap. Position #2 was tabled until next meeting.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

In reference to the Police Department building, Council Member Hicks stated that the city has let “things” go for so long that it cost more to fix them and that they needed to be maintained. Council Member McLaughlin stated that items needed to be followed through.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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Jerry Beech, Mayor

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Christie Cherry, City Clerk