

## **NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes of Regular Session May 21, 2018**

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on May 21, 2018 with six Council Members present, including Darryl Anthony, Steve McLaughlin, Vicky Dunlap, Loretta Waddell, Cheryl Wedel and Zetta Penner. Also present were Mayor Bob Plummer, City Administrator JC Moser, City Clerk Christie Cherry and City Attorney Johnny Beech. Council Member Vona Hicks and Council Member Earlene Smith were absent.

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

Mayor Bob Plummer 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 adopt the agenda and Council Member Wedel seconded.

Vote called:     Aye: McLaughlin, Waddell, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
                      Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6  
                      Nay: 0

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

City Administrator Moser spoke to council members in reference to the proposed budget and possible ways to cut expenses. City Administrator Moser also spoke about the sewer lagoon oxygen levels and the delay of the swimming pool opening date. City Administrator Moser requested a Public Hearing on the FY 18/19 Proposed Budget for the June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Council Meeting.

#### **PUBLIC REMARKS:**

Chief Brandon Rogers advised council members that the police department had taken 80 pages of calls from sheriff logs since January. Chief Rogers also advised that Reserve Officers are filling in to do the best they can and that money has been spent on items that were needed. Rick Lindley, Danny Watkins, Tim Wedel and Phil Kliewer all spoke in support of keeping officers on patrol. Sheriff Reeve advised that the Washita County Sheriffs Office could help but would be limited in what Cordell would receive.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

##### **Discussion on FY 18/19 Budget Proposal.**

City Administrator Moser advised council members that the police department is over budget

and that there are no funds to move over to pay for the evidence room. Zonelle Rainbolt asked if the evidence room was approved by council and City Administrator Moser replied that it was. Council Member Wedel asked what the budget for the police department was for next year and City Administrator Moser stated that it was budgeted for four full time employees along with a full time dispatcher. City Administrator Moser also advised that previous dispatch was funded ½ and ½ but is now moved to the full time police budget. Council Member Wedel stated that she would prefer to have officers versus a dispatch. Mayor Plummer advised that reserve officers will be limited to the number of hours they work. City Administrator Moser stated that most calls could be handled by the sheriffs office and that dog calls could go through the city office. Council Member Anthony asked if repairs to the police departments building were in the new budget and City Administrator Moser advised him that they were not. Council Member Wedel stated that if the city did not use the grant money awarded, it could affect future grants. Council Member McLaughlin stated that the airport runway needed to be sealed and that buildings not repaired previously are now costly. Council Member McLaughlin also stated that the departments that bring in revenue are supporting the others that “suck it dry”. Council Member Penner advised that it was foolish not to update the park pavilion. City Administrator Moser stated the new budget has a utility rate increase. And if changes needed to be made, they need to get put into the budget. Council Members Wedel and Penner advised that the new budget was ready to be published.

#### **POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:**

##### **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 Regular Meeting of the City of New Cordell City Council.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2018 regular meeting of the City of New Cordell City Council and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Waddell, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6  
Nay: 0

##### **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve financial reports for Period 10, April, 2018.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve financial reports for Period 10, April, 2018 and was seconded by Council Member Penner.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Waddell, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve expenditures for Period 10, April, 2018 totaling \$ 105,328.83.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve expenditures for Period 10, April, 2018 totaling \$ 105,328.83 and was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Waddell, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action citation on property located at 218 E. Main Street, Cordell Original Town, Block 54, W 20' of Lot 4.**

Council Member Wedel made a motion to refer property located at 218 E. Main Street, Cordell Original Town, Block 54, W20' of Lot 4 back to City Court for further consideration. Motion was seconded by Council Member Waddell.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Waddell, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Abstain: Penner  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Abstain: 1  
Nay: 0

**\*\*\*Council Member Loretta Waddell left meeting at 7:19 PM\*\*\***

**Consider and/or possible take action on Ordinance #2018-04 Regarding the Utilization of Cemetery Plots, Placing of Headstones and Markers at Lawnview Cemetery.**

Motion was made by Council Member Wedel to approve Ordinance #2018-04 Regarding the Utilization of Cemetery Plots, Placing of Headstones and Markers at Lawnview Cemetery with the amendment of numbering 8-6-15 grandfather clause. Motion was seconded by Council Member Anthony.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider and/or possible take action to approve emergency clause.**

Council Member Wedel made a motion to approve emergency clause and was seconded by Council Member Anthony.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution #2018-05 Rate Schedule for the New Cordell Municipal Swimming Pool.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> copy of Resolution #2018-05 Rate Schedule for the New Cordell Municipal Swimming Pool and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Wedel and Dunlap.  
Nay: Anthony and Penner.

Motion carried: Aye: 3  
Nay: 2

**Consider and/or possible take action to accept resignations of Michelle Russell and Karrie Varner from the Planning and Zoning Board and Historical Preservation Committee and declare seats vacant.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to accept resignations of Michelle Russell and Karrie Varner from the Planning and Zoning Board and Historical Preservation Committee and declare seats vacant. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider and/or possible take action on appointments to the vacant positions on the Planning and Zoning Board and Historical Preservation Committee.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to table appointments to the vacant positions on the Planning and Zoning Board and Historical Preservation Committee and to be placed on the next

Agenda. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**Consider and/or possible take action to approve FY 17/18 General Fund Budget Amendment #1**

Council Member Wedel made a motion to approve FY 17/18 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Council Member McLaughlin asked Chief Rogers to speak with Jenna Ervin in reference to racing on the Highway.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Penner, Wedel, Dunlap and Anthony.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Bob Plummer, Mayor

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Christie Cherry, City Clerk