

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session May 6, 2019

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on May 6, 2019 with seven Council Members present including Earlene Smith, Steve McLaughlin, Vona Hicks, Kelly Tilley, Zetta Penner, James Newman and Vicky Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator JC Moser, City Attorney Johnny Beech and City Clerk Christie Cherry. Council Member Cheryl Wedel 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 McLaughlin made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member Dunlap seconded.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

MOTION AND VOTE TO ELECT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to appoint Council Member McLaughlin as Council President and was seconded by Council Member Hicks.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 1

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Receive report from Mayor.

Mayor Beech reminded council to please mute or silence cell phones. Mayor Beech advised that he has spoken to several department heads, businesses and citizens. Mayor Beech spoke about his visit with DEQ and apologized for the complaints on New Cordell's water. Mayor Beech advised that he would like to see tree limbs being trimmed away from electrical lines, drainage ditches cleaned and that public safety was a priority. Mayor Beech also spoke of becoming aggressive with the new budget and that the city needed

economical development. Mayor Beech suggested leadership programs for youth and involving the Chamber of Commerce for activities.

Receive report from City Administrator.

City Administrator Moser spoke to council members in reference to the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 budget proposal, an inmate labor meeting that was held recently and an upcoming water audit provided by DEQ. City Administrator Moser also spoke about a plumber that is doing business in New Cordell without a city registration and a building located on the historic square that is in “bad shape”. Council Member Dunlap requested that Code Enforcer Brian Holden also look at a building located next to Erv’s Convenience Store.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

Amy Riggs thanked the City of New Cordell for giving attention to the building in need of major repairs next to hers on the historic square and advised that her main concern was the residents of the Florence House located on the other side of it. Amy Riggs stated that the basement is flooded with water and is attracting animals along with bugs. Amy Riggs advised that the building is unsafe and unsanitary. City Attorney Johnny Beech advised that this could be a liability to the city and should be placed on the next agenda. Mayor Jerry Beech stated that people will not want to come to New Cordell if the city looks bad and also requested this item to be placed on the next agenda.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion on FY 19/20 budget proposal.

City Administrator Moser advised that a budget meeting was held between Council Members Hicks, McLaughlin and Tilley. Mayor Jerry Beech was also in attendance. A separate budget meeting was held between Council Members Hicks, Penner, Newman and Smith.

Council Member Newman requested that council members consider adding another patrol officer. He stated that Chief Rogers has been overwhelmed since ACO has been added to their department. Council Member Dunlap stated that all departments needed to work together. Council Member Smith asked if Code Enforcement was going to take on the duties of the cemetery and City Administrator Moser replied “yes”. Council Member Penner stated that Department Heads should stick with the budget, maybe next year would be better and that utilities were raised last year but the city still “went in the hole”. Council Member McLaughlin stated that citizens needed to be reminded that there is an easement when trees located on their property are being trimmed. Mayor Jerry Beech advised that citizens are afraid that the city will “close up” and that it is important that we adhere to the budget. Mayor Beech suggested that the city involve citizens and to schedule fundraisers to help with the departments wants. Mayor Beech also advised that the city will be losing Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard in the grants department and that they have done a tremendous job in keeping accurate records. Council Member Hicks stated that she was pleased with the proposed budget.

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member Smith to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019 Regular Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve financial reports for Period 9, March, 2019.

Dacia Phillips representing RS Meacham read the financials for Period 9, March, 2019.
Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve financial reports for Period 9, March 2019.
Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019-06 regarding Fees and Penalty Rates Pursuant to Title 6 Chapter 4 Animal Control of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Cordell.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-06 regarding Fees and Penalty Rates Pursuant to Title 6 Chapter 4 Animal Control of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Cordell. Motion was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COUNCIL REMARKS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Jerry Beech, Mayor

Christie Cherry, City Clerk