

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session

Monday, June 12, 2023

The New Cordell City Council met at the Washita County Activity Center at 1005 East 3rd St. on June 12, 2023 with eight council members present including: Blake Reed, Sheri Parsons, Greg Cox, Bruce Wesner, Lowell Holman, 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. The agenda was posted on Friday, June 9, 2023 before 5 pm in the front window of City Hall. Citizens in attendance were James Newman Jr., George Semple, Darryl Anthony, Valerie Fariss, Clint Banks, and Cindy Banks.

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

Mayor Kliewer called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 FFIT 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 May for the first 11 months of the fiscal year.

Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman gave reports on the departments and city operations.

No representative from the Cordell Chamber of Commerce was present to present their report. Mayor Kliewer advised that Sarah Lau from the Chamber had informed him she would be unable to attend.

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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Presentation from the Washita County Gun Club.

Valerie Fariss, Clint Banks, and Cindy Banks representing the Cordell Recreational Authority and the Washita County Gun Club presented their proposal for expanding the gun club property to make it viable for competitions. Their proposal involved requesting more land from the City and emphasized that they did not intend to request funding from the City for the improvements necessary beyond potentially help with the water bill in the future.

Mayor Kliewer suggested the Council revisit their proposal for additional land as a voting item on a future agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) **Approve Minutes from Special Meeting on May 16, 2023.**
- b) **Approve Minutes from Special Meeting on May 23, 2023.**
- c) **Approve Financial Reports Period 11, May 2023.**
- d) **Approve Expenditures Period 11, May 2023.**
- e) **Approve Payment to Myers Engineering in the amount of \$13,767.58 for Invoice #221262-6 Cordell — 2021 CDBG Water Project.**

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- f) **Approve Payment to Elite Towers, Inc in the amount of \$12,791.75 for Pay Application #7, for Project No. 52-22-1001 Elevated Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation.**

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

- A. **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on approving Contract and Appointing Shane A Regier, as the City of New Cordell's Attorney.**

Shane Regier introduced himself and gave a summary of his education and experience.

Council Member Nabors made a motion to approve Contract and Appointing Shane A. Regier, as the City of New Cordell's Attorney. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wesner.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

- B. **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the proposed 2022-2023 Budget Amendments.**

Dacia Phillips from RS Meachams provided information about the proposed budget amendments and explained their purpose.

Council Member Boone made a motion to approve the proposed 2022-2023 Budget Amendments. The motion was seconded by Council Member Parsons.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

- C. **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution No. 2023-04. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma, The New Cordell Utilities Authority, and The Cordell Development and Redevelopment Authority adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget at establishing amendment authority.**

Discussion was held about the budget with extensive discussion regarding necessity of raising water rates and different options for rate structures; the necessity of demolishing the mural building; and the beautification projects.

Council Member Cox made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-04. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma, The New Cordell Utilities Authority, and The Cordell Development and Redevelopment Authority adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget at establishing amendment authority. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

D. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Designating Lawana Price as the Authorized Agent for Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OKMRF).

Council Member Parsons made a motion to Designate Lawana Price as the Authorized Agent for Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund (OKMRF). Motion was seconded by Council Member Boone.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

E. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Payment to Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) in the amount of \$10,000 for Invoice ID 3680 – 18752 CDBG 18 & 18549 CDBG 21 Project Administration.

Council Member Boone made a motion to approve Payment to Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) in the amount of \$10,000 for Invoice ID 3680 – 18752 CDBG 18 & 18549 CDBG 21 Project Administration. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parsons.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

F. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Payment to Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) in the amount of \$13,000 for Invoice ID 3704 – 18685 CDBG-CIP Grant.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Payment to Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) in the amount of \$13,000 for Invoice ID 3704 – 18685 CDBG-CIP Grant. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cox.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

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G. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to Appoint Rick Lindley to fill the Unexpired Term of Don Woody on the Cordell Library Local Advisory Board.

Council Member Parsons made a motion to appoint Rick Lindley to fill the Unexpired Term of Don Woody on the Cordell Library Local Advisory Board. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wesner.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

H. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution No. 2023-05 for Interlocal Agreement Regarding Reserve Officers between the City of New Cordell and Washita County.

Council Member Holman made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-05 for Interlocal Agreement Regarding Reserve Officers between the City of New Cordell and Washita County. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parsons.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

I. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Interlocal Agreement on Inmate Housing between the City of New Cordell and Washita County.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement on Inmate Housing between the City of New Cordell and Washita County. Motion was seconded by Council Member Parsons.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

J. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution 2023-06; a Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Authorizing Application for Financial Assistance Under the FY 2023 Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority's (MODA) Grant Program.

Council Member Parsons made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-06; a Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Authorizing Application for Financial Assistance Under the FY 2023 Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority's (MODA) Grant Program. Motion was seconded by Council Member Cox.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

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K. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Payment to Inman Excavating in the amount of \$109,315.55 for invoice for Pay Application No. 4 – Water System Improvements - Waterline Replacements 18752 CDBG 18 & 18549 CDBG 21.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve Payment to Inman Excavating in the amount of \$109,315.55 for invoice for Pay Application No. 4 – Water System Improvements - Waterline Replacements 18752 CDBG 18 & 18549 CDBG 21. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boone.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
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 asked about CLEET and staffing at the PD.

MAYOR REMARKS:

Mayor Kliewer mentioned that he would like to see one of the pickleball courts resurfaced and repainted to be converted into a pickleball court. He would also like to see the lights at the court repaired. Council asked if he had reached out to the Lions Club for support. Kliewer stated that was a good idea and he would talk to them.

Kliewer also stated that he has been looking into removing the lights at the cemetery as they are heavily damaged, and it should be locked at night anyway.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Phil Kliewer/ Mayor

Karla Ferrero/ City Clerk