

NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session June 17, 2019

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on June 17, 2019 with six Council Members present including Steve McLaughlin, Earlene Smith, Zetta Penner, James Newman, Vona Hicks and Vicky Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator JC Moser, Courtney Powell representing City Attorney Johnny Beech and City Clerk Christie Cherry. Council Members Cheryl Wedel and Kelly Tilley were 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, Dunlap, Smith, Hicks, Penner and Newman.
 Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 6
 Nay: 0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Receive report from Mayor.

Mayor Jerry Beech reminded council and audience members to silence cell phones. Mayor Beech also asked that council members form their opinions from a city perspective and not a personal one keeping their comments brief because of the lengthy agenda.

Receive report from City Administrator.

City Administrator Moser spoke to council members in reference to an upcoming workshop on the Oklahoma laws governing Medical Marijuana and work that is being performed by the water department, sewer department and fire departments. City Administrator Moser advised that the Town Wide Garage Sale was a success and that the Cordell Swimming Pool will be open as soon as the chemical levels are safe.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

Police Chief Brandon Rogers advised that a contractor will be at the police department on Friday, June 21st to give an estimate on building repairs.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Discussion on amending the current Alcohol Ordinance and Medical Marijuana Ordinance.

Mayor Jerry Beech advised that the Oklahoma State Statutes only states that a Medical Marijuana dispensary be at least 1000 feet from a school and that the city could possibly be sued if too many restrictions are placed on locations. Council Member Penner stated that she does not agree with the sale of marijuana on the square and disagreed with the selling of alcohol at last years Red River shoot Out although it turned out to be ok. Mayor Jerry Beech stated that the council has the authority to allow alcohol consumption during specific events and places.

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019 Public Hearing and the June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019 Public Hearing and the June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019- 07. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma, The New Cordell Utilities Authority and The New Cordell Development and Redevelopment Authority adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and establishing amendment authority.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution #2019- 07. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma, The New Cordell Utilities Authority and The New Cordell Development and Redevelopment Authority adopting the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 and establishing amendment authority. Motion was seconded by Council Member Penner.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve eliminating the Dispatch Position in the Police Department.

Council Member Newman made a motion to approve eliminating the Dispatch Position in the Police Department and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve 5th Full Time Police Officer Position in the Police Department to reduce Police Officer overtime, Police Officer On Call and Reserve Officer usage as 2020 budget will allow.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve 5th Full Time Police Officer Position in the Police Department to reduce Police Officer overtime, Police Officer On Call and Reserve Officer usage as 2020 budget will allow and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve financial reports for Period 11, May, 2019.

Dacia Phillips spoke to council members in reference to financial reports and expenditures. Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve financial reports for Period 11, May, 2019. Motion was seconded by Council Member Newman.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve expenditures for Period 11, May, 2019 totaling \$116,511.26.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve expenditures for Period 11, May, 2019 totaling \$116,511.26 and was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve June 2019 Budget Amendments.

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve June 2019 Budget Amendments and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019- 08. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma and The New Cordell Utility Authority establishing utility rates.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #2019- 08. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma and The New Cordell Utility Authority establishing utility rates. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019-09. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma calling for a special election for voter approval of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital.

Council Member Penner asked if the 1% sales tax could be divided between the hospital and the city? Kenny Downs with Cordell Memorial Hospital advised that it would make it difficult for the hospital by dividing the tax. Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-09. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma calling for a special election for voter approval of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the Ballot Proposition calling for a special election for voter approval of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve the Ballot Proposition calling for a special election for voter approval of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve as to form of the Ordinance Amendment of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital.

Council Member McLaughlin requested a quarterly report on the hospital financials. Kenny Downs advised he would try to get the city a copy quarterly. Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve as to form of the Ordinance Amendment of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019- 10. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CK Energy Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the installation of Emergency Electric Generators in the Cordell Water System.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #2019- 10. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CK Energy Electric Cooperative, Inc. for the installation of Emergency Electric Generators in the Cordell Water System. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019- 11. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority Grant Program for a Cordell Fire Department Brush Pumper Unit. (*\$14,450 MODA Grant - \$59,800 from Washita County Tax Appropriation, Haunted Hotel Fund Raiser and Golf Tournament Fund Raiser.*)

Fire Chief Seth Slaughterback advised that the fire department was in the process of raising funds for the new Brush Pumper Unit but needed the councils approval to request a grant. Council Member Smith

made a motion to approve Resolution #2019- 11. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma authorizing and directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority Grant Program for a Cordell Fire Department Brush Pumper Unit. (*\$14,450 MODA Grant - \$59,800 from Washita County Tax Appropriation, Haunted Hotel Fund Raiser and Golf Tournament Fund Raiser.*) Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019- 12. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma executing the agreement establishing the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #2019- 12. A Resolution of the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma executing the agreement establishing the Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Ordinance #2019-_____ amending City Ordinance Section 8-6-1 regarding the Cemetery Board of Directors.

Tabled

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the emergency clause.

Tabled

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Purchase Order #ST19-0325 in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of a 2008 E-350 12 passenger van for inmate transport.

City Administrator Moser advised that the mechanics at Wheeler Ford found repairs needed for approximately \$1300.00. Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Purchase Order #ST19-0325 in the amount of \$8,500.00 for the purchase of a 2008 E-350 12 passenger van for inmate transport and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to appoint Linda Johnson and Cheri Nabors to serve 3 year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2022 on the Western Plains Library Board of Trustees.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to appoint Linda Johnson and Cheri Nabors to serve 3 year terms beginning July 1, 2019 and ending on June 30, 2022 on the Western Plains Library Board of Trustees. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on building located at 106 South College.

Amy Riggs presented council members with estimates on the cost of demolition of the building at 106 South College. Council Member McLaughlin made a motion for action to be tabled until possible grants can be searched. Motion was seconded by council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member Newman requested a sign to be posted at Adams Lake asking motorists not to cross the main bridge.

COUNCIL REMARKS:

Council Member Dunlap requested the streets department to pick up left over dirt on Linda Drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 6
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Jerry Beech, Mayor

Christie Cherry, City Clerk