NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of Regular Session June 3, 2019

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on June 3, 2019 with eight Council Members present including Steve McLaughlin, Earlene Smith, Cheryl Wedel, Kelly Tilley, Zetta Penner, James Newman, Vona Hicks and Vicky Dunlap. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Administrator JC Moser, City Attorney Johnny Beech and City Clerk Christie Cherry.

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

Mayor Jerry Beech called the meeting to order at 6:16 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 and Council Member Wedel seconded.

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

   Nay: 0

   Motion carried: Aye: 8
   Nay: 0

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Receive report from Mayor.

None

Receive report from City Administrator.

City Administrator Moser spoke to council members in reference to the upcoming budget estimates, a van needed to transport DOC inmates and health insurance increases.

Police Chief Brandon Rogers spoke to council members in reference to a seized vehicle donated for the police departments use.

PUBLIC REMARKS:

Amy Riggs thanked pool manager Amber Rich and city employee Bo Ainsworth for their hard work on getting the Cordell Swimming Pool ready for opening.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Christine Pena to discuss:
Possible revisions to Ordinance #2018-05 regarding Medical Marijuana Dispensary:

Christina Pena spoke to council members about the possibility of opening a Medical Marijuana Dispensary located at 200 East Main Street within city limits. Council Member Wedel advised that at the time ordinances were passed, laws were unclear concerning marijuana. Council Member Wedel advised that she would like to continue to look at options and learn more together.

Regulations regarding establishing a “Speakeasy Bar & Grill”

Christina Pena advised she is considering opening a “Speakeasy Bar & Grill” within city limits.

Red River Shootout

Christin Pena stated that she has plans to hold another Red River Shootout similar to the one that was held last year.

Cordell Memorial Hospital Administrator Kenny Downs to visit about sales tax.

Kenny Downs spoke to council members in reference to the benefits of helping the Cordell Memorial Hospital through a percentage of city sales taxes designated for that purpose. City Administrator Moser advised that the resolution would go to a “vote of the people” if passed.

POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Motion was made by Council Member McLaughlin to approve the minutes of May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Tilley.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to call for a special election for voter approval of a 1% sales tax increase dedicated for Cordell Memorial Hospital. (Will require an ordinance change and a resolution calling for a vote)

Council Member Penner asked if ordinance could be moved to be discussed in Executive Session. City Administrator Moser advised that it could not. Council Member Wedel made a motion to call 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, Penner, Wedel, Hicks, Smith, Newman and Tilley.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Lawana Price as a signatory on all Bank Accounts in High Plains Bank and First National Bank or any other financial institution the city uses.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Lawana Price as a signatory on all Bank Accounts in High Plains Bank and First National Bank or any other financial institution the city uses. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to request proposals for accounting services for the City of New Cordell.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to request proposals for accounting services for the City of New Cordell and was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to request proposal for auditing services for the City of New Cordell.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to request Proposal for auditing services for the City of New Cordell and was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Dunlap, Penner, Wedel, Hicks, Smith, Newman and Tilley.
Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve demolition of building north of the skate park. (*Girl Scout Building*)

Council Member Wedel made a motion to approve demolition of building north of the skate park. (*Girl Scout Building*). Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve purchase of a 2008 E-350 12 passenger van for inmate transport.

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve purchase of a 2008 E-350 12 passenger van for inmate transport upon mechanics approval. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on recommendation from OMAG to deny Claim #206280-ME under the Governmental Tort Claims Act.

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to take action on recommendation from OMAG to deny Claim #206280-ME under the Governmental Tort Claims Act. Motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0
Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on building located at 106 South College.

No information from contractor. Tabled until next meeting.

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on building located at 109 South Market. (*Old TG&Y Building*)

Look at cost and tabled until next meeting.

Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on possible changes to the City Social Media Policy.

Council Member Wedel made a motion to approve changes to the City Social Media Policy. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

Vote called:

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

Motion carried:

Aye: 8
Nay: 0

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** *(Board shall vote to enter into Executive Session and state the approximate time to be allowed for the Executive Session.)*

ii: Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of City Administrator, J. C. Moser pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B)1.

Tabled

Consider and/or possible take action on items discussed in Executive Session.

Tabled

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Council Member Hicks requested increasing the number of members for the cemetery board.

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

None

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8
Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Jerry Beech, Mayor

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Christie Cherry, City Clerk