

# NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes of Special Session

Monday, August 23, 2022

The New Cordell City Council met at the Cordell Community Center at 101 East Main behind City Hall on August 23, 2022 with eight council members present including: Zetta Penner, Sheri Parsons, Steve McLaughlin, Jamie Bardwell, Lowell Holman, Tad Boone, Earlene Smith, and James Newman. Also present were Mayor Jerry Beech, City Attorney Johnny Beech, Interim City Administrator Vicki Hagerman, and Deputy City Clerk Karla Ferrero. Others in attendance were Heather Flores, Darryl Anthony, Robert Plummer, J.D. Banks, Joe Schmidt, Russell Jackson, Peggy Manor, Amy Riggs, and Lisa Griffith.

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

Mayor Beech called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm. Deputy City Clerk Ferrero called roll, and a quorum was declared to be present.

### **MOTION AND VOTE TO ADOPT AGENDA**

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

Vote called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Bardwell, Holman, Boone, Newman, Smith.

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

Mayor Jerry Beech stated that there was a question regarding public comments at the meeting, that typically the City does not have Public Comments at Special Meetings, and quoted the Attorney General 1998 OK AG 45. He further stated that tonight he would make an exception for this meeting for public comments on agenda items. Beech asked if there were any public comments, and hearing none, proceeded with the meeting.

### **POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:**

Mayor Beech explained that he had heard there was some concern related to this agenda and stated that he wanted to explain the agenda items a bit more. Beech elaborated that the goal behind this action would be to make sure that candidates for these positions would be qualified and capable of maintaining the duties set forth for the positions. If these roles were qualification based, it would help the council and the city to be more efficient and effective. Additionally, it has been a challenge for the city in the past to get qualified applicants to file for these positions. This would allow the city's elected officials, the city council, to help the city have qualified people in these positions.

- A. **Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution No. 2022-11. A Resolution of the Council of the City of New Cordell Whereby the Council resolve to submit to a vote of the registered voters of the City the question of providing for the appointment by the Council the City Clerk and further providing the form of the ballot to be utilized at the election.**

Questions were asked and answered regarding the positions that would be affected, the duties of those positions, and the pay for those positions.

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Vote called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Bardwell, Holman, Boone, Newman, Smith.

Nay:

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

**B. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution No. 2022-12. A Resolution of the Council of the City of New Cordell Whereby the Council resolve to submit to a vote of the registered voters of the City the question of providing for the appointment by the Council the City Treasurer and further providing the form of the ballot to be utilized at the election.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-12. A Resolution of the Council of the City of New Cordell Whereby the Council resolve to submit to a vote of the registered voters of the City the question of providing for the appointment by the Council the City Treasurer and further providing the form of the ballot to be utilized at the election. Motion was seconded by Council Member Newman.

Vote called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Bardwell, Holman, Boone, Newman, Smith.

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

**C. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on Resolution No. 2022-13. A Resolution of the Council of the City of New Cordell Whereby the Council resolve to submit to a vote of the registered voters of the City the question of providing for the appointment by the Council the City Marshall and further providing the form of the ballot to be utilized at the election.**

Council Member Newman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-13. A Resolution of the Council of the City of New Cordell Whereby the Council resolve to submit to a vote of the registered voters of the City the question of providing for the appointment by the Council the City Marshall and further providing the form of the ballot to be utilized at the election. Motion was seconded by Council Member Boone.

Vote called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Bardwell, Holman, Boone, Newman, Smith.

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

**D. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Ordinance No. 2022-2 amending Title 1, Chapter 7, Sections 1-7-1-2, 1-7-1-3 and 1-7-1-4 of the City of New Cordell Code to**

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**eliminate the election of the City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Marshall and provide for the appointment of each of said officers by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council all as permitted by Title 11, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-207.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-2 amending Title 1, Chapter 7, Sections 1-7-1-2, 1-7-1-3 and 1-7-1-4 of the City of New Cordell Code to eliminate the election of the City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Marshall and provide for the appointment of each of said officers by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council all as permitted by Title 11, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 16-207. Motion was seconded by Council Member Newman.

Vote called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Boone, Newman.  
Nay: Bardwell, Holman, Smith.

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 3

The City Attorney stated that the Emergency clause was part of the ordinance allowing it to go into effect tonight. The mayor asked for a motion. The attorney stated that the emergency clause would be part of item D on the agenda. Public comment stated that no new business could be considered during a special meeting. Council asked to confirm that it would not be a separate item, it is part of the ordinance which is on the agenda. City Attorney Beech affirmed and stated that it did not have to be voted on as a separate motion.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Vote called: Aye: Penner, Parsons, McLaughlin, Bardwell, Holman, Boone, Newman,  
Smith.  
Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Jerry Beech/ Mayor

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Karla Ferrero/ Deputy City Clerk