

## **NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL**

### **Meeting Minutes of Regular Session August 5, 2019**

The New Cordell City Council met at the Community Center at 101 East Main on August 5, 2019 with eight Council Members present including Steve McLaughlin, Zetta Penner, Earlene Smith, Cheryl Wedel, James Newman, Vona Hicks, Kelly Tilley 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 6:00 pm. City Clerk Christie Cherry called roll and a quorum was declared to be present.

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

Council Member Smith made a motion to approve the agenda and Council Member McLaughlin seconded.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

#### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

##### **Receive report from Mayor.**

Mayor Beech asked that all cell phones be silenced. Mayor Beech welcomed back Council Member Cheryl Wedel and spoke in reference to the Budget Process.

##### **Receive report from City Administrator.**

City Administrator Moser spoke to council members in reference to the Cordell Swimming Pool, Bo Ainsworth's work at the museum, Christie Cherry getting ready to move to the Police Department for Code Enforcement, Miranda McGaha moving her office to the old Grants Department office and a suggestion to hold a special meeting to discuss Council Member James Newman's recording of the OML Marijuana Conference.

##### **Receive report from Departments.**

Included in council packets.

#### **PUBLIC REMARKS:**

Josh Tilley advised council members that his dog, Slug has been banned from city limits. City Attorney Johnny Beech explained laws regarding animal control and suggested that Josh Tilley ask to be placed on the next agenda.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

None

**POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:**

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

Council Member Tilley made a motion to approve the minutes of July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Penner.

Vote called: Aye: McLaughlin, Dunlap, Tilley, Wedel, Smith, Hicks, Penner and Newman.  
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: Confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest; pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307(B) 4.**

106 South College. Tabled until next meeting.

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

City Attorney Johnny Beech suggested writing citations to previous owner and current owner along with contacting the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality and the State Department of Health. Council Members James Newman and Zetta Penner stated that they did not feel like the city should take on the responsibility of repairs. Item will be placed on next agenda.

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on recommendation of Amy Riggs concerning 106 S. College.**

Tabled

**Randy Clark from Oklahoma Rural Water Association to present rate structure study results.**

Tabled due to Randy Clark unable to attend. Possible Special Meeting in September.

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve rate structure recommendation of Randy Clark from Oklahoma Rural Water Association.**

Tabled

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to waive vendor fees and supply electricity for food truck vendors at the Relay for Life event at Lee Park.**

Mary Cook spoke to Council Members advising that the Relay for Life this year would have vendors and booths similar to a “block party”. Council Member Smith made a motion to waive vendor fees and supply electricity for food truck vendors at the Relay for Life event at Lee Park. Motion was seconded by Council Member Penner.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to change the agent of record for health insurance for city employees.**

Mike Brown with American Insurance Group located in Weatherford, OK spoke with council members. Council Member Earlene Smith made a motion to change the agent of record for health insurance for city employees. Motion was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7  
Nay: 1

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019-14 concerning an Interlocal Agreement between the City of New Cordell and Washita County regarding Reserve Officers.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-14 concerning an Interlocal Agreement between the City of New Cordell and Washita County regarding Reserve Officers. Motion was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Interlocal Agreement Regarding Dispatching, Communications and Other Services with Washita County.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Interlocal Agreement Regarding Dispatching, Communications and Other Services with Washita County and was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action approving License and Permit Requirements for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve License and Permit Requirements for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with the cost of an initial permit being Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00). Motion was seconded by Council Member Wedel.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 3

Council Member Dunlap made a motion to approve License and Permit Requirements for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries with the cost of an annual renewal being One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00). Motion was seconded by Council Member Wedel. Vote was 4/4 with Mayor Jerry Beech breaking the tie.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 5  
Nay: 4

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019-15 Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to submit an application for financial assistance under the ONEOK Foundation Emergency Responder Grant Program for Cordell Fire Department Bunker Gear.**

***(\$5,000.00 Grant Funds and \$337.00 Oklahoma Forestry Services Operational Grant Funding. \$5,337.00 total funding for 3 bunker coats and pants.)***

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to approve Resolution #2019-16 casting 1 vote to fill the At Large Trustee Position for the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund.**

Council Member McLaughlin made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-16 casting 1 vote for Robert Johnston to fill the At Large Trustee Position for the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dunlap.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**Consider, discuss and/or possible take action to fill the vacant seat on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Historical Preservation Committee unexpired term ending November 2020.**

Council Member Dunlap made a motion for Bob Plummer to fill the vacant seat on the Planning and Zoning Board and the Historical Preservation Committee unexpired term ending November 2020. Motion was seconded by Council Member McLaughlin.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
Nay: 0

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Council Member Dunlap asked if street lights were being fixed. City Administrator Moser advised that they were.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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

Motion carried: Aye: 8  
  Nay: 0

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Jerry Beech, Mayor

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Christie Cherry, City Clerk