

# **NEW CORDELL CITY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes of Regular Session**

**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**

The New Cordell City Council met at the Cordell Community Center at 101 East Main behind City Hall on September 6, 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 Marla Harper, Janice Williams, Melinda Laird, Heather Flores, Sheila Meinhardt, Amy Riggs, Lawana Price, Charlie Brown, James Holden, Lincoln Hunter, and Seth Slaughterback.

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

Mayor Beech called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Deputy City Clerk Ferrero called roll, and a quorum was declared to be present.

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

Council Member Newman 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

### **POTENTIAL VOTING BUSINESS:**

- A. Consider, discuss and/or possible take action on approving purchase of an ambulance to replace 2001 E350 unit, using the county tax ambulance fund.**

Fire Chief and EMS Director Seth Slaughterback asked what questions Council had regarding the ambulance. Slaughterback was asked why the City needed a new ambulance. Slaughterback responded that the 2001 ambulance has suspension issues and after multiple repairs the ambulance has a maximum speed of 55mph, but that is a rough ride. The one presented to council Slaughterback test drove and believes it to be a good truck. The people who currently own it bought it at auction and have had maintenance done. The town that owned it had two other trucks that the drivers preferred because they were more like driving a regular truck. This ambulance would be capable of long hauls and runs, and it is a Type One ambulance so it can transport larger patients. Slaughterback also stated that the owners were willing to take 55K for the ambulance. The costs to the City would be for decals and title and insurance. The outfitting would be able to be transferred from the 2001 ambulance. Slaughterback estimated that once the ambulance was purchased it would take two months to get it into service. A representative spoke to the regulations regarding using county funds, and stated that there is a process to this, not just going and buying the ambulance off the lot. Council asked if the procedure would be the same as the fire truck and were told yes.

Council Member Parsons made a motion to approve purchase of an ambulance to replace 2001 E350 unit, using the county tax ambulance fund. The motion was seconded by Council Member Smith.

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

Nay: 0

Motion carried: Aye: 8

Nay: 0

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (Board shall vote to enter into Executive Session.)

- i. To discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, termination or resignation of Sheila Meinhardt, Customer Service Representative position, Pursuant to Title 25 O.S., Section 307 (B) 1.**

Council Member Boone made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:39 pm. 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

### **Vote to come out of executive session.**

Council Member Newman made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:53 pm. 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

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

City Attorney Beech stated that Council heard from several witnesses, and no decision was reached in Executive session. The council has voted to come out of Executive Session.

Council Member Boone made a motion to uphold the termination of Sheila Meinhardt. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holman.

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

Motion carried: Aye: 7

Nay: 0

Council Member McLaughlin recused himself from voting.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Council Member Newman made a motion to adjourn. 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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Jerry Beech/ Mayor

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Karla Ferrero/ Deputy City Clerk