

AGENDA
CITY OF CELESTE

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023
7:00PM, CELESTE CITY HALL

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum & Invocation for Regular Meeting

2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen).

3. City Council Comments.

Pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.0415(b), the Mayor and each City Council member may announce city events/community interests and request that items be placed on future City Council agendas.

4. Consent Agenda.

All matters listed under this item are considered routine by the city Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by any Councilmember on any item, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes –Regular Meeting Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 7:00PM.
- b. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department.
 - ii. Water Department.
 - iii. Fire Department (if applicable).
 - iv. Building Permit Report (if applicable).
- c. Approve City Financials.

5. New Business.

- A. Discussion/Action: Variance request on Celeste Beer Barn 68 N. US Hwy. 69 Plat.
- B. Discussion/Action: Cast votes by adopting a Resolution for the 2024 board of directors of Hunt County Appraisal District (5) five votes.
- C. Discussion/Action: Adopt Burn Ban Ordinance 12052023
- D. Discussion/Action: Adopt Ordinance 12052023A Prescribing the rates to be charged for services furnished by the Water and Sewer System.
- E. Discussion/Action: To purchase (2) used Police vehicles (1) 2020 Tahoe from Enterprise Fleet Management and (1) 2019 Ford Inceptor from Pilot Point for the combined total of \$30,000.00
- F. Discussion/Action: Request pay-rate increase of \$2.00 an hour for 2 full-time office employees, 1 full-time water/sewer employee and 1 contract laborer. Within budget for FY 2024.
- G. Discussion/Action: Christmas bonus for Full-time and Part-time employees.
- H. Discussion/Action: Water/Wastewater Operator Position.
- I. Discussion/Action: To move January Council Meeting to Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00P.M.

6. Executive Session – In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act), Texas Government Code Sec. 551.072- Deliberation regarding real property, Texas Government Code Sec. 551.087 - Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. Note - the items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the regular session.
-Subdivision, zoning and related development ordinances and procedures;
-Tax abatement ordinance, guidelines, and procedures;
-Tax abatement for Cottontown Quilts Holdings LLC/Quiltagious Quarters LLC;

Return to Opens Session:

- A. Discussion/Action on items from Executive Session, if any.
- B. Discussion/Action on Subdivision Ordinance
- C. Discussion/Action on Resolution adopting guidelines for Tax Abatement

7. Adjournment

Executive Sessions Authorized: This agenda has been reviewed and approved by the City's legal counsel and the presence of any subject in any Executive Session portion of the agenda constitutes a written interpretation of TEX. GOV'T CODE CHAPTER 551 by legal counsel for the governmental body and constitutes an opinion by the attorney that the items discussed therein may be legally discussed in the closed portion of the meeting considering available opinions of a court of record and opinions of the Texas Attorney General known to the attorney. This provision has been added to this agenda with the intent to meet all elements necessary to satisfy TEX. GOV'T CODE 551.144(c) and the meeting is conducted by all participants in reliance on this opinion. The Council may vote and/or act upon each of the items set out in this agenda. In addition, the City Council for the City of Celeste has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney); 551.072 (Deliberations related to Real Property); 551.073 (Deliberations related to prospective gifts or donations); 551.074 (Personnel Matter); 551.076 (Deliberations regarding the deployment of security devices or the implementation of security policy); and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations).

CERTIFICATE:

I hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on the (1st day of December, 2023) at a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, <https://www.cityofceleste.org> in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.


Shaunna Cole, Mayor