

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025
7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL

Council present: C. White, J. Minter, S. Rector, J. Brooks at 7:15 PM. Absent: T LaFavers. Others were present: Mayor Cole, Hallie Smith, Jay McLeod, Adrew Holt, Rachele Neher, Jennifer Tenney, and Paul Raith

- 1. Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A Quorum was established.**
- 2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen). Rachele Neher spoke regarding the vacant house located on Locust St. Jennifer Tenney spoke regarding the requirements by the city to supply electrical engineered plans and the difficulty of having that done. She would like the city to consider waving this requirement.**
- 3. City Council Comments: C. White spoke about the damage caused to the new fencing around the water tower when Prater Electric cut the new fence. The fence has been repaired by Holster Lawn and Fencing at no cost. In the future any damages need to be reported prior to repair.**
- 4. Consent Agenda.**
 - A. J. Minter made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Minutes from January 14, 2025, and the Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, January 14, 2025, C. White 2nd, all for.
 - B. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department report by Chief Joe Pell.
 - ii. Water/Sewer report Robert Collinsworth.
 - iii. Fire Department report Hallie Smith.
 - iv. Building Permit report.
 - C. C. White made a motion to approve the city financials, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
- 5. New Business.**
 - A. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to renew the 2025 sewer plant mowing contract with Holster Lawn and Fencing, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
 - B. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to renew the 2025 water license contract with Hickory Creek SUD, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
 - C. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to renew the 2025 wastewater contract with Troy Horst, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
 - D. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to sell the 2018 Chevrolet Tahoe for the price of \$1,899.18 to CISD once the SRO program has been approved and established and that the markings on the car must be removed prior to the sale. J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
 - E. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to order the General Election for Municipalities to be held on May 3, 2025, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
 - F. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to adopt ordinance 02112025 prescribing the rates charged for services on water, sewer, trash and fees with a price increase of 5% on water and sewer usage and 4.98% on trash, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.

- G. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to adopt ordinance 02112025A authorizing the regulation of mobile food vendors, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- H. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to increase the pay for all city employees by 5% and table the increase for council members until March when additional research can be done, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.

6. Old Business.

- A. Tabled
- B. Tabled

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); Section 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).

C. White made a motion to adjourn 7:51 PM, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.



Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary



Shaunna Cole, Mayor