

CITY OF CELESTE
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
City Hall
201 N. US Highway 69

1. Call to Order
Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call
J. Minter, C. White, R. Lewis and S. Rector were present. J. Brooks was absent; a quorum was present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
C. White led the pledge of allegiance; Mayor Cole delivered the prayer.
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 Minutes –Regular Meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 7:00 PM
J. Minter made a motion to approve the minutes, C. White 2nd, all for.
 - b. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department. *Chief Joe Pell delivered reports.*
 - ii. Water Department. *R. Collinsworth delivered reports.*
 - iii. Fire Department (if applicable). *T. Bonneville delivered reports.*
 - iv. Building Permit Report (if applicable). *No comment.*
 - b. Approve City Financials.
C. White made a motion to approve the city finances, S. Rector 2nd, all for.
5. 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.
C. White extended his thanks to everyone who assisted with the water issues during the ice storm.
6. Public Comments: Members of the public may speak to the Council about any item on the agenda, except for matters set for public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard during those hearings. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes, or six (6) minutes if a translator is needed, as stated by law. To speak, sign up before the meeting starts. Speakers should come to the front of the Council and state their name and street address before starting. All comments must be civil to ensure constructive discussion. The public cannot speak from the gallery; only those at the front of the Council may do so. Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. The Council may: (1) make a statement of fact regarding the item; (2) make a recitation of existing policy; or (3) propose the item be placed on a future agenda, in accordance with Council procedures. *No comments.*

7. New Business:

- A. Discussion and possible action to adopt a Resolution awarding an application and engineering services contract for the 2025-2026 Community Development Grant and authorize position (Mayor, City Secretary, etc.) to negotiate contract terms.

C. White made motion to adopt the resolution awarding the application of engineering services to Dunaway DBA, J. Minter 2nd, all for.

C. White made a motion to authorize Mayor Cole to negotiate contract terms, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.

- B. Discussion and possible action upon a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Downtown Revitalization Program grant application.

C. White made a motion to table, S. Rector 2nd, all for.

- C. Discussion and possible action on rezoning hearing and Mobile Home Ordinance 1002212.

C. White made a motion to deny, J. Minter 2nd, all for.

- D. Discussion and possible action on rezoning hearing, replat, setback variances and unnamed street for the property located at Second St. and Marsalis.

C. White made a motion to set the rezoning hearing to Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 P.M., R. Lewis 2nd, all for.

- E. Discussion and possible action regarding Terry Williams, the third-party inspector for the City of Celeste and the communications regarding the Beer Barn located at 68 N. US Hwy. 69.

Discussion, no Action.

- F. Discussion and possible action regarding the Beer Barn building issues located at 68 N. US Hwy. 69.

No Discussion

- G. Discussion and possible action on the vegetation responsibilities for the fence line located at 5997 County Road 1149.

No Discussion

- H. Discussion and possible action on granting 401 W. Marsalis (1) one of the (2) two demolition contracts with the City of Celeste for the 2026 calendar year.

C. White made a motion to grant the demolition contract, J. Minter 2nd, all for.

- I. Discussion and possible action on granting 110 S. 5th St. (1) one of the (2) two demolition contracts with the City of Celeste for the 2026 calendar year.

R. Lewis made a motion to grant the demolition contract, J Minter 2nd, all for.

- J. Discussion and possible action regarding the mowing for the city.

C. White made a motion to keep the city limit mowing in house and contract on an if needed basis, S. Rector 2nd, all for.

- K. Discussion and possible action on the 2026 mowing contract for the City of Celeste sewer plant.

C. White made a motion to renew with Holster Lawn, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.

- L. Discussion and possible action regarding the conditions of the alleyway located between Kwik Check and USPS.

Discussion, no Action.

- M. Discussion and possible action on the present and future concerns regarding the Celeste Police Department video equipment.

Discussion, no Action.

- N. Discussion and possible action regarding a 26% pay increase for the Police Chief and 19% pay increase for the part-time hourly officers.

C. White made a motion to retroactively pay the police chief \$33.00 an hour and Part-time officers \$20.00 an hour effective on January 1, 2026, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.

- O. Discussion and possible action to adopt an Ordinance ordering an election of the reauthorization of a local sales and use tax in the City of Celeste at a rate of ¼ of 1% to provide revenue for the maintenance and repairs to Municipal streets.

C. White made a motion to adopt Ordinance 02102026, S. Rector 2nd, all for.

- P. Discussion and possible action to order the General Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, for 3 City Council seats, 2-year term, 1 1-year unexpired term and for the reauthorization of ¼ of 1% of sales tax to provide revenue for the maintenance and repairs of Municipal streets.

C. White made a motion to order general election, S. Rector 2nd, all for.

- 8. Old Business: The Council will receive updates and discuss matters previously considered, including ongoing city projects.

- A. Discussion and possible action on Mobile Home Ordinance 1002212.

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- B. Discussion and possible action on the Audie Murphy Memorial.

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- C. Discussion and possible action on increasing the terms for Mayor and Council Members from 2 years to 4 years.

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- 9. Adjournment

- D. *White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36, J. Minter 2nd all for.*

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); 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development negotiations); 418.183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security issues); and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to, Section 321.022 (Sales Tax Information).



Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary



Shaunna Cole, Mayor