

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024
7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL

Council present: S. Cole, C. White, K. Phillips, J. Brooks, J. Minter 7:00 PM, J. Brooks 7:03 PM. Absent: T. LaFavers. Others present: Tommy Bonneville, Jennifer Tenney, Tevin Johnson.

- 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). Sparkee Sasek spoke about the potential impact the April 8, 2024 Eclipse could have on Hunt County.**
- 3. City Council Comments-Mayor Cole discussed Lead/Copper reporting assistance.**
- 4. Consent Agenda.**

- A. C. White made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, December 5, 2023, K. Phillips made a motion to approve, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- B. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department report Chief Joe Pell.
 - ii. Water/Sewer report Robert Collingsworth.
 - iii. Fire Department report Tommy Bonneville.
 - 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: No action, C. White made a motion to deny variance, J. Brooks 2nd all for.
- B. Discussion
- C. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to approve and authorize signature, K. Phillips 2nd, all for.
- D. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to accept Hunt County Elections Admin. Services Contract, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- E. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to donate the White Police Tahoe to CVFD and sell the Black Police Tahoe to Trinidad, C. White 2nd, all for.
- F. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to adopt the Fee Schedule, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
- G. Discussion
- H. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to approve updated Personnel Policy with edits from Attorney and Vehicle Usage, K. Phillips 2nd, all for.
- I. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to adopt Ordinance 01092024, J. Minter 2nd all for.

6. Old Business.

- A. Discussion: Move to February Council Meeting.

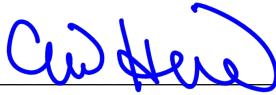
7. Executive Session 8:09 P.M.

Executive Session – In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Section 551.074 authorizes certain deliberations about officers and employees of the governmental body to be held in executive session: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee. The items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the regular session:

Return to Opens Session 8:59 PM.:

- A. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion, to offer Full-time Public Works Operator position to Jeremy Calhoun, FY 2024 pay rate increase City Secretary \$27.00 hourly, Water/Court Clerk \$20.00 hourly, Full-time Public Works employee \$20.00 hourly, and offer to move Contract Public Works employee to Full-time 35 hours per week at \$15.00 hourly or keep contract 30 hours per week at \$17.00 hourly. J. Brooks 2nd, all for.

8. C. White made a motion to adjourn 9:00 P.M., J. Brooks 2nd, all for.



Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary



Shaunna Cole, Mayor