

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022
7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL

REGULAR MEETING

Council present: Chris White, Tyler LaFavers, Jason Minter, Felicia White, Shaunna Cole. Others present Tommy Bonneville, Brad White, Troy Horst, Tevin Johnson, Ruben Rodriguez, Mike Wemhoener, Chalsee Brannan, Jen Patton, Amber Clayborn.

1. Shaunna 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).

3. City Council Comments.

C. White want to publicly thanked Mike and Hickory Creek for assisting the City with the TCEQ Violations, CCR and DLQOR. T. LaFavers thanked Chief Pell for the work on keeping fire works out of the city limits on the 4th. Shaunna discussed the permit packets that were distributed with wrong information and that T. Williams will review them and make sure correct information is being distributed.

4. Consent Agenda.

- A. C. White made a motion to accept the Special Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes from June 7, 2022, Special Workshop Minutes from June 21, 2022, and Special Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2022, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
- B. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department: Chief Pell spoke about the hours, discussed the success of the Audie Murphy parade, August 13th having an area training at High School, active shooter drill, fixing the streetlights that are out, new road signs by guardrail at Hwy. 69 and S. 5th Street where accident occurred. Chief Pell to contact TXDOT about cleaning up shoulder of road on Hwy. 69 from town towards Leonard. Mowing on FM1562 and Hwy. 69. Chief Pell discussed the officers' hours until Midnight each night during the summer.
 - ii. Water Department: Robert discussed increasing water leaks due to the dry conditions and that they will start redoing the roads on 7/6/22. Needs to get the Frogs out of the sewer plant but the ponds are so low due to lack of rain.
 - iii. Fire Department: Discussed that 80% were medical calls last month inside the city limits. Thanked the PD for their presence at calls to calm situations.
 - iv. Building Permit Report (if applicable).
- C. Approve City Financials: F. White made motion to approve City Financials, C. White 2nd, all for.

5. New Business.

- A. City Secretary to contact Terry Williams inspector regarding a commercial certificate of occupancy for 78 N. US Hwy. 69 for Mr. Ruben Rodriguez.
- B. C. White made a motion to adopt the APRA plan, T. LaFavers 2nd, all for.
- C. Tabled, send specs over to Dunaway, LLC. Engineers to review before consideration.
- D. Tabled, Jacob Rathers to be rescheduled when City Attorney can be present or speak directly to him.
- E. C. White made a motion to accept Scott, Singleton, Fincher & Co., PC as the City Auditors, F. White 2nd, all for.
- F. C. White made a motion to write a Resolution to open a line of credit for \$5,000.00 with the First Bank of Celeste, with City Secretary as authorized user, T. LaFavers 2nd, all for.
- G. C White made a motion to accept Ordinance for the Legal Sale of Beer and Wine, with changes to Section 9 paragraph B adopting the verbiage and \$300.00 fee, F. White 2nd, all for.
- H. J. Minter made motion to go into Executive Session at 8:39 P.M.


6. Executive Session –

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Governments Code, Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, the items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the regular session.

- I. Return to Regular Session at 9:51 P.M. F. White made a motion to Table until further notice. T. LaFavers 2nd, 3 for 1 sustained.
- J. C. White made a motion to hire Cherie Hubbard as City of Celeste Secretary at a pay rate of \$24.00 an hour, J. Minter 2nd, all for.

7. 9:55 P.M. F. White made a motion to adjourn, C. White 2nd, all for.


Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary


Shaunna Cole, Mayor