

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

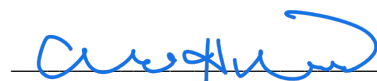
1. Call to Order
Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call
J. Brooks, C. White, R. Lewis and S. Rector were present. J. Minter was absent; a quorum was present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer
C. White led the pledge of allegiance; Mayor Cole delivered the prayer.
4. Consent 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, February 10, 2025, 7:00 PM
C. White made a motion to approve the minutes, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
 - b. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department. *Chief Joe Pell delivered reports.*
 - ii. Water Department. *C. White 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 J. Brooks 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.
No Comments
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. Possible action on the rezoning of 110 W. Marsalis St.
 - a. C. White made a motion to approve the rezoning from SF1 to SF 2 residential, J. Brooks 2nd all for.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding the west end of Deer Lane.
 - a. Not present no discussion or action.
- C. Discussion and possible action on the sewer line at 301 E. Sanger.
 - a. Jessica McShane is granting the city a 10' utility easement for the sewer line. Asking for the water & sewer tap fees to be waived in exchange for the easement. C. White made a motion to grant the mayor the power to negotiate the terms of the easement agreement, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
- D. Discussion and possible action on the American Steel Classics and Mopar5150 2nd Annual Connie Crawford car show to be held on Saturday, May 30.
 - a. R. Lewis made the motion to allow the car show to be held on Saturday, May 30th from 11am-3pm with the agreement of America Steel Classic providing 2 portable toilets and allowing them to block N. 2nd St. with the permission from the neighboring residents, S. Rector 2nd, all for.
- E. Discussion and possible action regarding emergency connection with Hickory Creek Sud.
 - a. R. Lewis made a motion to approve the emergency connection with Hickory Creek and granted the mayor authority to negotiate the payment terms, S. Rector 2nd, 3 for, 1 sustained.
- F. Discussion and possible action on the Celeste Old Jr. High office outstanding water bill.
 - a. R. Lewis made a motion to pull the July-September 2025 water usage and loss reports for review, S. Rector 2nd, all for.
- G. Action on the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for city council general election on May 2, 2026.
 - a. R. Lewis made a motion to accept the certification of unopposed candidates, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- H. Action to adopt Cancellation Order and declare unopposed candidates elected.
 - a. R. Lewis made a motion to adopt cancellation order, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- I. Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution 03102026A authorizing membership in the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee.
 - a. C. White made a motion to adopt resolution 03102026A, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.

- J. Discussion and possible action on adopting Resolution 03102026B finding that TNMP application to change rates within the city should be denied.
 - a. R. Lewis made a motion to adopt resolution 03102026B, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
 - K. Discussion and possible action Bureau Veritas taking over plan reviews and inspections for residential and commercial building services.
 - a. C. White made a motion to contract with Bureau Veritas for all new residential and commercial construction and inspections while allowing Terry Williams to complete all current inspections, R. Lewis 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.
Table
9. Adjournment
- C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:21, R. Lewis 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