

**MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025
7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL**

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY LIVESTREAM/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:

Council present: Sharon Rector, T. LaFavers, J. Minter, Jordan Brooks 7:17 PM.
Council present via ZOOM: C. White. Others present: Mayor Cole, Kayla Lewis, Juan Fernandez, Scott Driscoll and Mark Posey.

- 1. Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. A Quorum was established.**
- 2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen). None**
- 3. City Council Comments: No comments. Jason Minter spoke about the conditions of the Thacker residence. Overgrown, needs to be attended to. Chief Pell to contact property owner. Mayor Cole presented Tyler LaFavers with certificate of appreciation for his service to the city as councilman. She discussed the local TRWA meeting that the City Secretary and Water clerk are attending, the renewal of the ad for CISD yearbook, tax rate appraisal and the Kingston landfill filled for an active permit.**
- 4. Consent Agenda.**
 - A. J. Minter made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 18, 2025, S. Rector 2nd, all for.
 - B. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department report by Chief Joe Pell.
 - ii. Water/Sewer report Robert Collinsworth.
 - iii. Fire Department report. None present
 - iv. Building Permit report.
 - C. C. White made a motion to approve the city financials, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- 5. New Business.**
 - A. Discussion and Action: The City Secretary, Cherie Hubbard presented the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer to Mayor Shaunna Cole 2-year term and City Council member Rickey Lewis 2-year term.
 - B. Discussion and Action: J. Minter was appointed by City Council to fill the vacancy until the May 2026 election
 - C. Discussion and Action: J. Minter made a motion to appoint C. White as Mayor Pro Tem, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
 - D. Discussion and No Action: C. White asked to go into Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney at 7:20PM. Return to Regular Session at 7:44PM.
It is the best interest of the city to let the City Attorney handle this matter. J. Brooks made a motion to table, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
 - E. Discussion and Action: Aaron Moreland with Dunaway Engineers addressed the council regarding the process to renew the WWTP permit through TCEQ. The lump sum cost for the renewal is \$20,000.00 or Dunaway can bill the city on an hourly basis. J. Brooks made a motion to have Dunaway bill the city hourly for the renewal of the WWTP permit, J. Minter 2nd, all for.

- F. Discussion and No Action: The City Council reviewed and discussed the Section 3 presentation required for Contract CDM23-0166, including employment opportunities for Section 3 workers, contractor outreach, and tracking of work hours for all CDGB grants and contracts.
- G. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 050107 to extend the city limits 1 mile S of Hwy. 69- and 1-mile N. to the County Line, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
- H. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to award the 2025 CISD City of Celeste Scholarship to Alex Martin, J. Minter 2nd, all for.

6. Old Business.

- A. Tabled
- B. Discussion and No Action: Mark Posey Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Bonham for 10 years and is licensed with TDLR addressed City of Council regarding developing an updated Code Enforcement Ordinance for the City of Celeste. He suggested adopting the IMPC 2015 code through the ICC.

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).

J. Brooks made a motion to adjourn 8:18 PM, J. Minter 2nd, all for.



Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary



Shaunna Cole, Mayor