

CITY OF CELESTE
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Monday, May 18, 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, J. Minter; 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, April 14, 2025, 7:00 PM
J. Brooks 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. *Thadeus Clark delivered reports.*
 - iii. Fire Department (if applicable).
 - iv. Building Permit Report (if applicable). *No comment.*
 - b. Approve City Financials.
J. Brooks made a motion to approve the city finances R. Lewis 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. Swear in City Council members.
 - a. City Secretary Cherie Hubbard administered the Oaths of Office and Statement of Officer to Sharon Rector, Tim Sparks, Chris White and Jason Minter.
 - B. Adopt Ordinance 05182026 for the Reauthorization of the ¼ of 1% sales tax for the maintenance of municipal streets.
 - a. R. Lewis made a motion to adopt, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
 - C. Mayor ProTem.
 - a. S. Rector made a motion to appoint Chris White as Mayor ProTem, R. Lewis 2nd, 4 all for.
 - D. Culvert variance at 208 N. Sixth St.
 - a. Tim Sparks made a motion to grant the variance to a 12'x30" HDPE culvert, C. White 2nd, all for.
 - E. Award (2) two \$500.00 scholarships to CISD graduating seniors who reside within the city limits of Celeste.
 - a. S. Rector made a motion to award Ollieonna Haakantu and Alice Crame scholarships, C. White 2nd, all for.
 - F. Delinquent water utility accounts.
 - a. C. White made a motion to send the delinquent accounts a 90-day notification to pay prior to submitting them for a utility lien, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
 - G. Adopt Ordinance 05182026-001 fee schedule amendments to Ordinance 12092025.
 - a. C. White made a motion to adopt Ordinance 05182026-001, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
 - H. June City Council meeting.
 - a. S. Rector made a motion to cancel the June City Council meeting, next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 14th at 7PM, C. White 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.
Table
 - 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.
R. Lewis made a motion to remove item from old business, C. White 2nd, all for.

9. Adjournment

- C. White made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54PM, 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

Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary

Shaunna Cole

Shaunna Cole, Mayor