

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023**  
**7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL**

Council present: S. Cole, C. White, K. Phillips, J. Minter. Absent: J. Brooks, T. LaFavers. Others present: Tommy Bonneville, Vicki Griffis, Sammy Griffis, Jennifer Tenney.

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). None.
3. City Council Comments-Christmas parade scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm.
4. Consent Agenda.

- A. C. White made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, October 3, 2023, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, K. Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

**5. New Business.**

- A. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to reach out to other avenues to help assist with Donations, K. Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- B. Discussion
- C. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to increase the contract rate for inspections by Terry Williams to \$65.00 effective 2024, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- D. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to increase the consumer rate for inspections to \$125.00 effective 2024, K. Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- E. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to update Ordinance 05022023 Water/Sewer rates to be adopted at December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

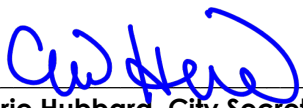
**6. Executive Session 7:50 P.M.–**

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sec. 551.074 – Personnel, Texas Government Code Sec. 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter (Open Meetings Act), Texas Government Code Sec. 551.072- Deliberation regarding real property, Texas Government Code Sec. 551.087 – Deliberation regarding economic development negotiations. Note - the items listed below will be discussed in closed session and are subject to action in the regular session.

- Subdivision, zoning and related development ordinances and procedures;
- Tax abatement ordinance, guidelines, and procedures;
- Tax abatement for Cottontown Quilts Holdings LLC/Quiltagious Quarters LLC;
- Abandonment of real property.

Return to Opens Session 9:25 P.M.:

7. C. White made a motion to adjourn 9:25 P.M., K. Phillips 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

  
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Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary

  
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Shaunna Cole, Mayor