

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, August 13, 2024
7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL

1. Call To Order and Roll Call

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A Quorum was established.

Council present: C. White, T. LaFavers, Sharon Rector, and J. Brooks. Others present: Mayor S. Cole, Tommy Bonneville, and John Acker.

2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen). None

3. City Council Comments- Mayor Cole asked that the burn pile off Hwy. 69 be reopened temporarily for the school to use during Homecoming. Fir Street parking, install no overnight parking signs along with the no parking signs. After-hours leak calls need to be referred to the after-hours number and not given to the police department to call in.

4. Consent Agenda.

- A. T. LaFavers made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, June 11, 2024, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- B. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department report Chief Joe Pell.
 - ii. Water/Sewer report Robert Collinsworth.
 - iii. Fire Department report-Tommy Bonneville.
 - iv. Building Permit report.
- C. C. White made a motion to approve the city financials, T. LaFavers 2nd, all for.

5. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to renew the Census Membership with AirMedCare Network, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- B. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to approve the request to close 2nd Street from Highway 69 N. on Saturday, November 2nd if they received permission in writing from the neighboring properties on 2nd street, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- C. Discussion, No Action: Troy Horst addressed the council members with his suggestions on changes to the sewer plant system. Suggested the city install a slew gate to help control the flow and dredge the ponds.
- D. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to grant the variance to 5' side setbacks, J. Brooks 2nd all for.
- E. No Action: Signature cards for the First Bank of Celeste were signed by council members

6. Old Business.

- A. No Discussion
- B. No Discussion

7. Executive Session 8:00 P.M.

Executive Session – In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Section 551.074 authorizes certain deliberations about officers and employees of the governmental body to be held in executive session: to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

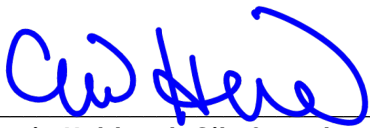
Return to Open Session 8:31 P.M.:

A. Discussion, No Action:

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).

8. C. White made a motion to adjourn 8:32 P.M., J. Brooks 2nd, all for.



Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary



Shaunna Cole, Mayor