

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025
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, R. Lewis, J. Minter and Sharon Rector, J. Brooks at 7:03 PM. Others present: Tommy Bonneville, Tara Lewis, Juanita Garcia, Jessica McShane, Juan Carlos Escabedo, Yanel Areteaga and Tim Oliver.

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

3. City Council Comments- No Comments

4. Consent Agenda.

- A. C. White made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, June 10, 2025, J. Minter 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, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.

5. New Business.

- A. Discussion and Action: Tara Lewis discussed events for Alumni Homecoming gathering on Friday, September 19th and Saturday, September 20th at the High School. There will be a parade on Saturday starting at the Jr. High School, down Hwy. 69 to 2nd St., by the Baptist Church at 8am. J. Brooks made a motion to approve the parade downtown, R. Lewis 2nd, all for.
- B. Discussion and Action: Discussion on a utility easement between the (2) houses being built, the minimum size requirements for an easement and a resolution to relocate the sewer line. J. Brooks made a motion to allow C. White to handle this issue, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- C. Discussion and Action: Juanita Garcia requested a variance on the lot size requirements to replat of 1 lot into 2 located at 106 S. 5th st. for the purpose of building (2) homes. J. Minter made a motion to grant the lot size variance of 55x163 on both lots, C. White 2nd, all for.
- D. Discussion no Action: Yanel Arteaga and Juan Carlos Escabedo addressed council with their idea of purchasing the property located at 71 US Hwy. 69 for the purpose of opening a fire shop. Discussion on purchasing property next door, PID 54060. Would need to request a rezoning hearing to zone commercial.
- E. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to renew AirMed Care contract, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- F. Discussion and Action: J. Minter made a motion to renew ARCIT membership, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- G. Discussion no Action:

- H. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to notify Sanitation Solutions that we will not be auto renewing the contract and will be requesting proposals for trash services. Sanitation Solutions is encouraged to submit an updated proposal. J. Minter 2nd, all for.
- I. Discussion and Action: C. White, J. Brooks, J. Minter, S. Rector and R. Lewis all for no new revenue tax rate of \$0.291088 per \$100.
- J. Discussion no Action: signed signature cards.
- K. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to set the date for Halloween on the Square to Friday, October 31st 5pm until, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- L. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to set the date for the Christmas Parade and Christmas on the Square activities to Saturday, December 13th, J. Minter 2nd, all for.
- M. Discussion and Action: J. Minter made a motion for Chris White to submit performance reviews for Public Works Dept., Mayor Cole to submit performance review for the City Secretary and Cherie Hubbard to submit performance review for Water Department, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- N. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to lock the meter, send a certified letter notification that the meter has been locked, 60 days to pay the past due balance in full before a utility lien is placed on the property, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.


6. Old Business.

- A. Table
- B. Table

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 8:30 P.M., J. Brooks 2nd, all for.**


Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary


Shaunna Cole, Mayor