

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, May 7, 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, K. Phillips, J. Brooks and J. Minter. Absent: T. LaFavers. Others present: Mayor S. Cole, Tommy Bonneville, Jessica McShane, Demetrius Rector, Sharon Rector, Brittany Gravley and Hannah Gravely.

2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen). There were no public comments.

3. City Council Comments- C. White addressed the council regarding CYSA's request to have the No Parking signs removed on the southside of the field at Marsalis. Hickory Creek is offering the City of Celeste their 2013 utility truck for \$5,000.00. Both items are to be added onto the June Agenda.

4. Consent Agenda.

- A. C. White made a motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, April 2, 2024, K. Phillips 2nd, all for.
- B. Department Reports.
 - i. Police Department report Chief Joe Pell.
 - ii. Water/Sewer report S. Cole.
 - 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: The City Secretary and Police Chief swore in the new council members for a 2-year term. City Secretary administered the Oath of Office to council members Sharon Rector, Chris White and Jordan Brooks. Chief Pell administered the Statement of Officer to Sharon Rector, Chris White and Jordan Brooks.
- B. Discussion and Action: K. Phillips made a motion to appoint Chris White as Mayor Pro Tem, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- C. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to allow Castlerock Custom Builders to install 1 water tap and 1 sewer tap at the duplexes to be located at 208 and 210 S. 4th streets.
- D. Discussion and Action: K. Phillips made a motion to award two scholarships in the amount of \$250.00 each to CISD Seniors McKayela Lyday and Michelle Rodriguez, C. White 2nd, all for.
- E. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to approve the repair cost of \$11,400.00 to S. 4th Street between Hwy. 69 and Cockrell Street with 2" of oil sand totaling 150 tons.
- F. Discussion: C. White made a motion to table this item for the June meeting pending research from other city ordinances on animal control, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.

- G. Discussion and Action: K. Phillips made a motion to reject the bid ARPA #TX0269 03-05-2024 bid, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- H. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to award the bid APRA #TX0269 04-02-2024 to Prater Electric, K. Phillips 2nd, all for.
- I. Discussion: K. Phillips made a motion to table, J. Brooks 2nd, all for.
- J. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to move the City Council meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7PM, C. White 2nd, all for.

6. 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).

- 7. C. White made a motion to adjourn 7:58 P.M., J. Brooks 2nd, all for.**


Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary


Shaunna Cole, Mayor