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CITY OF COFFEE CITY
City Special Called Council Meeting
September 1, 2023 @ 6 pm
7019 Pleasant Ridge Rd
Coffee City, TX 75763

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COFFEE CITY. TO BE HELD ON **FRIDAY, September 1, 2023, at 6:00 PM AT THE COFFEE CITY, CITY HALL, 7019 PLEASANT RIDGE RD, COFFEE CITY, TEXAS.** FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS. THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MEET IN A CLOSED SESSION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD THE NEED ARISE AND APPLICABLE PURSANT TO AUTHORIZATION BY TITLE 5, CHAPTER 551, OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Council Members

Jeff Blackstone – Mayor (P)

Carrie Ousley - Place 3 (P)

Ruthie Seward - Place 1 (P)

Keith Skender - Place 4 (A)

Marquis Castleberry – Mayor Pro-Tem (P)

Ollie Harmon - Place 5 (P)

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Mr. Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Roll Call and Announce if quorum is present:

Mary McDonald announced roll call and that a quorum was present.

3. Consider and Act upon the Cancellation of the November 7, 2023 General Elections.

Ruthie Seward made a motion to cancel the November 7, 2023 General Elections. Carrie Ousley second the motion. Motion carries.

4. Executive Session: Personnel Matters, Government Code 551.074.

Mr. Blackstone called executive session at 6:05 PM.

Reconvene at 6:50 PM.

Marquis Castleberry made a motion to approve the resignation of Cody Welch effective immediately with all owed pay. Carries Ousley seconds the motion.

Captain James Torres with the Police department spoke of the recent events. He stated that what the media reported was not accurate events. He discussed the stats of scheduling with the reserve officers. He discussed the warrant division and other departments that currently run the division the way Chief Portillo did. He next went into the DWI charge of Portillo's and stated that he was never arrested or arraigned and that Chief Portillo believed there was no other action that was needed as he was not informed of any other court proceedings taking place. Mr. Blackstone stated that the 30-day suspension would give the City time to investigate this and clear any misunderstandings. Mr. Torres stated that it would be best to keep this investigation internal and not use an outside organization and Mr. Blackstone disagreed and stated that that was not going to happen and the city will be going with an outside firm to perform this investigation. Mr. Blackstone then asked for an adjournment.

5. Adjournment:

Ruthie Seward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Ousley seconds the motion. Motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Coffee City reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code, including, but not limited to, Section 551.071 (Deliberation about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.175-183 (Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues) and as authorized by the Texas Tax Cod, including, but not limited to, Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT A COPY OF THE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA BY THE COFFEE CITY, CITY COUNCIL WAS POSTED AT THE CITY HALL PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD AND THE CITY WEBSITE ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 BY 5:00 PM.



JEFF BLACKSTONE
MAYOR



MARY MCDONALD
CITY SECRETARY