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CITY OF COFFEE CITY
City Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024 @ 6 pm
7019 Pleasant Ridge Rd
Coffee City, TX 75763

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COFFEE CITY. TO BE HELD ON **MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 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 PURSUANT 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 (P)

Marquis Castleberry – Mayor Pro-Tem (P)

Ollie Harmon - Place 5 (P)

Jeff Blackstone spoke and stated that before he started the formal meeting together and wanted to let anyone that was not aware that they had lost someone that was really important and who sacrificed a lot of time for the community and to take a moment for us all to pay our condolences to Fire Chief and that he will be missed and hard to replace and our prayers go out to his family. We can take just a moment.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Jeff Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

2. Roll Call and Announce if quorum is present:

Mary McDonald announced roll call and a quorum was present.

3. Opening remarks:

4. Consider and Act upon approving items 5 & 6.

Ruthie Seward made a motion to approve items 5 & 6, December 2023 financials and December 11, 2023 Council meeting minutes. Ollie Harmon seconds the motion. Motion carries.

5. Approving City financials for December 2023.

6. Approving meeting minutes for the December 11, 2023 Council Meeting.

7. Municipal Court Report:

Mary McDonald gave the municipal court report. She stated that \$15,711.49 was collected, \$13673.39 went to the state and \$8,944.37 to the general fund.

8. EDC Report:

Vicki Castleberry gave the EDC report. She stated that they are in the process of finalizing the bids for the welcome signs along with the logo for the strip center. Mr. Blackstone asked if the logo was going to go on the roof line and Mrs. Castleberry confirmed that it would.

9. Consider and Act upon the EDC & City moving forward with the gifted property located at the corner of HWY 155 and FM 3506.

Ruthie Seward asked if they had spoken with the city attorney and Mrs. Castleberry asked Mary McDonald if the attorney was attending the meeting and she stated that he was not but he had already spoken with Ray Ver Hey regarding the property. Mr. Ver Hey spoke up and stated that he did speak with the city attorney and he was fine with agreement and the changes that city council wanted in place. He stated that the revised agreement was in front of them and the attorney said it needed to be made public upon approval. Mrs. Seward asked about the taxes for the property and if they have been paid and if not would the city be responsible for paying. The owner of the property stated that the tax payment would be going out the next week so it would be paid and the city wouldn't have to. Carrie Ousley made a motion to approve the EDC & City moving forward with the gifted property located at the corner of HWY 155 and FM 3506. Marquis Castleberry seconds the motion. Motion carries.

10. Open Forum:

- Open Forum is limited to items currently on the agenda.
- Speakers must sign in 5 minutes before the beginning of the meeting.
- Speakers will be given 3 minutes to speak.

Any person that is unable to attend and wishes to submit questions to the council can e-mail the questions to the City Secretary at citysecretary@cityofcoffeecity.com

Chuck Jones spoke during open forum. Mr. Jones stated that he had a couple things he would council to consider and the first being to lower the flags at city hall to half-staff until Chris' service and the other thing was possible naming the EDC park area after him. Mr. Blackstone stated that they could definitely lower the flag and they could discuss the property naming.

11. Adjournment:

Ollie Harmon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carrie Ousley seconds the motions. Motion carries and meeting adjourned at 6:16 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 MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA BY THE COFFEE CITY, CITY COUNCIL WAS POSTED AT THE CITY HALL PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD AND THE CITY WEBSITE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2024 BY 5:00 PM.



JEFF BLACKSTONE
MAYOR



MARY MCDONALD
CITY SECRETARY