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CITY OF COFFEE CITY
City Council Special Called Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024 @ 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 **Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 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)

Ruthie Seward - Place 1 (P)

Marquis Castleberry – Mayor Pro-Tem (P)

Carrie Ousley - Place 3 (A)

Kevin Haughey - Place 4 (P)

Ollie Harmon - Place 5 (P)

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Jeff 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 a quorum present. Alderman Carrie Ousley was absent.

3. Opening remarks:

Mayor Jeff Blackstone spoke and stated that this would be his last formal meeting as Mayor and he wanted to say that he was glad he did it and that all the council is still together during this term. He stated that even after everything they went through the council stood together and there was no infighting with each other. He stated that they may not have got a lot of positive things accomplished like they hope but being that the council will be staying together more positive things are to come this next term.

Marquis Castleberry spoke and stated that he appreciated the work Mr. Blackstone did for the two years and without him didn't think they could have gotten past the legal stuff and the storms. Mr. Blackstone stated he couldn't have done it without the support of the council. He stated that Mr. Castleberry was always right with him during it all so he believes the city has a cape able person that will take over as mayor. Mr. Castleberry stated that he felt comfortable taking the position because he knew the council would be there to support him along with all the support Mary has given and will continue to give.

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

Ruthie Seward made a motion to approve the October 2024 city financials and the October 14, 2024 meeting minutes. Kevin Haughey seconds the motion. Motion carries.

5. Approving City financials for October 2024.

Mr. Blackstone stated that on the financials the council would see the large negative \$300,000.00 under the fines and that it was for the excess highway fines that were just paid after received the final paperwork from the comptroller's office. He stated that the funds were paid out of the municipal court account and not the city's general fund. He stated that he also had Mary include balance sheet for each of the other

restricted accounts so that council can see the balances and also see where the excess highway fine payment did come out of the municipal court account and not the general fund.

Mr. Haughey asked if the road account was what the city uses to pay for the road repairs. Mr. Blackstone confirmed it was along with all the tree trimming the city has to take care of.

6. Approving meeting minutes for the October 14, 2024 Council Meeting.

7. EDC Report:

Vicki Castleberry gave the EDC report. She reported that they were still working on the welcome to coffee city sign. She stated they have taken a step back after finding out there were lots of steps to be taken with TxDot and she will be asking Carrie to assist her in making all the calls and get more information. She stated that now that the family dollar she was not sure where they stand with the gifted property until they hear back from the attorney and where to go from there. Mr. Blackstone stated that they plan to still make the offer to purchase that section of the land and wait and see what they decide.

Mrs. Castleberry stated that they finalized dates and terms ending and are trying to recruit new people as well. She stated that also have discuss getting a fence put around the property at the corner of Highsaw. She stated they were also looking to have solar lights on the corner post of the fence. She stated that she will be meeting with three companies this week to receive bids.

Mrs. Castleberry stated that they did participate with Frankston EDC for Halloween and it was a success and the Frankston EDC is interested in them participating more events with them.

Mrs. Castleberry stated that the EDC is planning a Christmas dinner for city staff and council and their spouses and if they have not RSVP yet, she asked that they relay their response to Mary as soon as possible so can ensure she has enough food catered.

8. Fire Department Report:

No member of the fire department was present. Mr. Blackstone read the fire report and reported the 34 total calls the department had for the month of October and what the calls pertained to.

9. Municipal Court Report:

Mary McDonald gave the municipal court. She reported that a total of \$12,326.95 was collected in the month of October. She stated that \$2,025.21 of it would be remitted to the state and \$5,066.66 would go to the general fund.

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

11. Adjournment:

Ruthie Seward made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Haughey seconds the motion. Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 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 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024, CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED

MEETING AGENDA BY THE COFFEE CITY, CITY COUNCIL WAS POSTED AT THE CITY HALL PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD AND CITY WEBSITE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024 BY 5:00 PM.



JEFF BLACKSTONE
MAYOR



MARY McDONALD
CITY SECRETARY