

MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF COLEMAN  
CITY HALL  
THURSDAY, October 14, 2021  
5:15 P.M.

Present: *Mayor Tommy Sloan, Mayor Pro Tem Sharlene Taylor Hetzel, Councilmember Tracy Rankin, Councilmember Monte Sides, Councilmember Bobby McGee, City Manager Diana Lopez, City Attorney Pat Chesser, and Assistant City Manager James King.*

Absent: *None*

1. Call to Order, Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: *Mayor Tommy Sloan called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Sharlene Hetzel gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flags of the United States and State of Texas followed.*
2. Introductions, Announcements, and Recognitions: *City Manager Lopez announced that the Coleman Fire Department had received a grant from the Lower Colorado River Authority in the amount of \$50,000 for construction of a fire training facility.*
3. Items to be withdrawn: *Item #7 was withdrawn.*
4. Citizen Presentations: *No requests were received from Citizens to address the board.*
5. Consider, and act upon the approval of minutes for the City of Coleman Council Meeting held on September 16, 2021. *A motion was made by Councilmember Sides to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
6. Hear requests from the City Council for future agenda items. *There were no requests for future agenda items.*
7. Discuss, consider, and act upon authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services with Lifeguard Ambulance Service of Texas on behalf of the City of Coleman, in conjunction with Coleman County and the Coleman County Medical Center. *This item was withdrawn.*
8. The City Council shall conduct a public hearing on a request for the closure and abandonment of the undeveloped section of platted roadway in the 600 block of East Mesquite Street. *The public hearing was opened at 5:19 p.m. ACM King presented information regarding the street closure request. No other public comments were received. The public hearing closed at 5:33 p.m.*
9. Discuss, consider, and act upon the request for the closure and abandonment of the undeveloped section of platted roadway in the 600 block of East Mesquite Street. *City Attorney Pat Chesser read the caption of the ordinance for the record. "AN ORDINANCE CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE UNOPENED RIGHT OF WAY LOCATED IN THE 600 BLOCK OF EAST MESQUITE STREET; FINDING THAT A PROPER PETITION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY ABUTTING AND ADJOINING SAID RIGHT OF WAY TO BE CLOSED; FINDING THAT CLOSING, VACATING, AND ABANDONING SAID RIGHT OF WAY IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF COLEMAN AND ITS CITIZENS; FINDING THAT SAME SHOULD BE CONVEYED BY QUIT CLAIM DEED TO THE ABUTTING LANDOWNER; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SUCH DEED FOR THE CONSIDERATION SPECIFIED HEREIN." A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel to approve the first reading of the ordinance. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
10. Discuss, consider, and act upon the appointment and/or re-appointment of members to the Planning and Zoning Commission. *A motion was made by Councilmember McGee to appoint John Gregg, Berry Phillips, and Bonnie Brown to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

11. Discuss, consider, and act upon adopting a Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for the City of Coleman. *A motion was made by Councilmember Sides to approve and adopt the Paid Quarantine Leave Policy for the City of Coleman as presented. Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
12. Discuss, consider, and act upon approval of a contract for Assessment and Collection Services with the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District for January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2023. *A motion was made by Councilmember McGee to approve the contract for Tax Assessment and Collection Services with the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
13. Discuss, consider, and act upon casting of 300 votes in the election of the Board of Directors to the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District for the two-year term beginning January 1, 2022. *A motion was made by Councilmember McGee to cast 150 votes for Joshua Hale and 150 votes for Stacey Mendoza for election to the Board of Directors for the Coleman County Tax Appraisal District. Councilmember Sides seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
14. Discuss, consider, and act upon approving a resolution authorizing the City Manager execute documents requesting financial assistance from the State Infrastructure Bank for payment of project match funds related to the Hwy 206 Utility Relocation project. *A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Hetzel to approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute documents requesting assistance from the State Infrastructure Bank. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
15. Discuss, consider, and act upon approving a Resolution allowing the City of Coleman to enter into an agreement with Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of portions of State Highway 153 and State Highway 206 for the 2021 Christmas Parade. *A motion was made by Councilmember Sides to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Coleman to enter into an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation to close portions of State Highway 153 and State Highway 206 for the 2021 Christmas Parade. Councilmember McGee seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*
16. The City Council may enter Executive Session to discuss the following pursuant to:  
Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters) to discuss updates on the search for a Chief of Police.  
  
*The council entered executive session at 5:59 p.m. and returned into open session at 6:54 p.m. No action was taken on this item.*
17. Upon return from Executive Session, the Council may take whatever action it deems necessary related to the search for a Chief of Police. *Mayor Sloan announced that the City had not reached an agreement for a Chief of Police and would continue the search.*
18. Adjournment *A motion was made by Councilmember Sides to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Councilmember Rankin seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.*

  
MAYOR

  
CITY SECRETARY