

**MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025  
7:00 P.M., CELESTE CITY HALL**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF MEETING BY LIVESTREAM/TELEPHONE CONFERENCE:**

Council present: Sharon Rector, T. LaFavers, Jordan Brooks, J. Minter at 7:02pm.  
Council present via ZOOM: C. White. Others present: Mayor Cole, Bud Jones, Eric Qualls, Katie Sparks, Timothy Sparks, Jessica McShane.

- 1. Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. A Quorum was established.**
- 2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen). Bud Jones spoke to council regarding the development of 2 lots on Cockrell St., he would like to consider putting 5 units on lots 4 & 5. Council, no comment. He will need to submit a request to be on the agenda at the next meeting.**
- 3. City Council Comments: No comments.**
- 4. Consent Agenda.**
  - A. T. LaFavers made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, February 11, 2025, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
  - B. Department Reports.
    - i. Police Department report by Chief Joe Pell.
    - ii. Water/Sewer report Robert Collinsworth.
    - iii. Fire Department report.
    - iv. Building Permit report.
  - C. J. Minter made a motion to approve the city financials, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- 5. New Business.**
  - A. Discussion and Action: Regarding the relocation of the sewer line located at 125 CR 1048. The mayor addressed Jessica McShane regarding the relocation of the sewer line. That additional research needs to be performed on the Ordinance, the legality of the cost, the grade of the line and if the manhole can sustain the additional line. T. LaFavers made a motion to grant Mayor Cole permission to notify the property owners in writing relating to the relocation of the sewer line at 125 CR 1048 after following up with the City Engineers and Attorney, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
  - B. Discussion and No Action: Aaron Moreland with Dunaway bought the city council up to date on the ARPA Generator project. There are 2 meters that service the building, one is a single-phase meter pairing all 120, the second they were led to believe was a 3-phase meter. That isn't the case, it is a 3-phase 240/120 meter that is corner grounded. The transformer we are having installed will not work with that meter. We will need a 3-phase transformer, they have contacted several electrical engineers to see if there was a way around it, there isn't any. The transformer will need to be changed from a single phase to a 3-phase. The cost to do this is \$8,694.00. Dunaway would like to contact the grant to see if they can amend their contract and forgo the remaining engineering fees which will cover the additional cost by 99%.
  - C. Discussion and Action: 7 bids were received at 2:30pm on Thursday January 30, 2025. The lowest bid submitted was from Superior Equipment Solutions from Mt. Vernon for

\$259,044.35 for the TXCDBG #CDV23-0166 sewer project. The grant is working on a secondary bid package to allow a \$110,000.00 add on to pipe burst and additional line. J. Minter made a motion to award the construction contract related to the TXCDBG #CDV23-0166 sewer project to Superior Equipment Solutions, with the add on alternate of additional manhole replacements, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

- D. Discussion and No Action: The replacement and/or repair of the roof on City Hall, remodel the bathroom and back storage room. Get additional estimates on the cost to repair/replace the roof on City Hall.
- E. Discussion and Action: J. Minter made a motion to adopt Resolution 03182025 authorizing membership in the ATMOS Cities Steering Committee, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- F. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to approve the date of May 31, 2025, for the MOPAR 150 classic car show, T. LaFavers 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- G. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to hold the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, the 19<sup>th</sup>, the time and location to be determined, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- H. Discussion and Action: J. Brooks made a motion to adopt the Sample Order of Cancellation for the election to be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- I. Discussion and Action: J. Minter made a motion to cancel the April council meeting unless there are agenda items, then the meeting will be moved to April 22, 2025, at 7:00pm, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

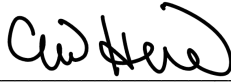
## **6. Old Business.**

- A. Tabled
- B. Tabled
- C. Tabled
- D. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to increase the monthly pay for Mayor to \$300.00, Mayor ProTem to \$50.00 per meeting, City Council \$20.00 per meeting effective May 2025.

## **7. 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).

**C. White made a motion to adjourn 8:27PM, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.**



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Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary



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Shaunna Cole, Mayor