

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025**  
**7:00 PM, CELESTE CITY HALL**

**1. Call To Order and Roll Call**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. A Quorum was established.

Council present: C. White, R. Lewis, Sharon Rector, J. Minter and J. Brooks 7:08 PM. Others present: David Brannam.

**2. Open Forum- Citizens to be heard. (Limit 3 minutes per citizen).** None present

**3. City Council Comments-** No comments.

**4. Consent Agenda.**

- A. C. White made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Tuesday, November 4, 2025, regular meeting, R. Lewis 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- B. Department Reports.
  - i. Police Department report Chief Joe Pell.
  - ii. Water/Sewer Robert Collinsworth.
  - iii. Fire Department report none present.
  - iv. Building Permit report no comments.
- C. C. White made a motion to approve the city financials, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

**5. New Business.**

- A. Discussion and Action: Discussion, no action.
- B. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to grant a variance on the IBC code inspections for 68 N. US Hwy. 69 on the venting, emergency exit and drainage, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- C. Discussion and Action: No Action, 2 votes were cast for Paul Painter.
- D. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to adopt Resolution 12092025B, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- E. Discussion and Action: Discussion, no Action.
- F. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to adopt Resolution 12092025A awarding and application and administrative contract related to a 2026 Downtown Revitalization Grant, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- G. Discussion and Action: R. Lewis made a motion to adopt Ordinance 12092025 prescribing the rates to be charged for the services furnished by Water/Sewer System and rate schedule for 2026, C. White 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- H. Discussion and Action: R. Lewis made a motion to amend the 2025 Police Department budget, S. Rector 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- I. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to approve the election services contract for the May 2, 2026, General Election, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- J. Discussion and Action: C. White made a motion to approve the 2026 City of Celeste holiday schedule, J. Minter 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.
- K. Discussion and Action: R. Lewis made a motion to give full-time employees a \$250.00 Christmas bonus and part-time employees a \$50.00 Christmas bonus, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

- L. Discussion and Action: Rickey Lewis made a motion to approve a 5% pay increase for all full-time and part-time employees for 2026, C. White 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.

**6. Old Business.**

- A. Table
- B. Table
- C. Table

**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).

- 8. C. White made a motion to adjourn 8:56 PM, J. Brooks 2<sup>nd</sup>, all for.**

  
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Cherie Hubbard, City Secretary

  
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Shaunna Cole, Mayor