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### NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2020

#### **MINUTES**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, where he temporary suspended certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, take notice that a regular meeting scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020 will be conducted by video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing"), to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), to consider and act upon any lawful subjects which may come before it. There will be no public access to City of Cotulla Council Meeting.

The City Council of the City of Cotulla, Texas will hold a REGULAR meeting at the Alexander Convention Center 295 N. IH 35 Access Road, Cotulla, Texas, 78104. Council will have the option to attend in person or by Conference Call. The citizens of Cotulla will also be able to listen to the meeting by video conference. Public Comment will only be accepted in writing no later than 30 minutes in advance of the meeting by sending them to City Secretary Bianca Maldonado at biancam.citysecretary@gmail.com.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIDEO CONFERENCE. The public may access this meeting through the City of Cotulla YouTube Page at www.youtube.com City of Cotulla COC.

- 1. Call to Order.
  - Meeting was called to or at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Javier Garcia.
- 2. Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Javier Garcia, Councilman Gilbert Ayala, Juan Garcia, Tanis Lopez, Luis Allala, Jr., Alfredo N. Gonzalez

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.
- 4. Citizens to be heard. In order to limit the number of people in attendance per the Governor's Order. Public Comment will only be accepted in writing no later than 30 minutes in advance of the meeting by sending them to City Secretary Bianca Maldonado at biancam.citysecretary@gmail.com. City Council cannot discuss any presented issues, nor may any action be taken on any given issue at this time. (Attorney General Opinion JC-0169)

No citizen's comments

- 5. Approval of Minutes
  - April 23, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 23, 2020 was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman A. Gonzalez, with all in favor.

### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED:**

6. <u>Discussion and possible action ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS ESTABLISHING AMENDED CITY OF COUTLLA COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER, ESTABLISHING RULES FOR DECORUM AND DEBATE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.</u>

Motion to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS ESTABLISHING AMENDED CITY OF COUTLLA COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES INCLUDING COMPLIANCE WITH ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER, ESTABLISHING RULES FOR DECORUM AND DEBATE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in favor.

### **MOTIONS TO BE APPROVED**

7. <u>Discussion and possible action to enter into and Inter-Local Agreement with La Salle County to place one 8 yard garbage container in Fowlerton and one 8 yard garbage container in Gardendale requested by Commissioner Raul Ayala.</u>

Motion to approve an Inter-Local Agreement with La Salle County to place one 8 yard garbage container in Fowlerton and one 8 yard garbage container in Gardendale requested by Commissioner Raul Ayala on a trial basis was made by Councilman A. Gonzalez. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

8. <u>Discussion and possible action on a proposed refinancing by Tijerina, Galvan, Lawrence, LLC.</u>

Motion to move forward with a proposed refinancing by Tijerina, Galvan, Lawrence, LLC was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

9. <u>Discussion and possible action to award a contract to CDM Smith to provide water, wastewater and flood control engineering services for projects involving the City's water and wastewater systems.</u>

Motion to award a contract to CDM Smith to provide water, wastewater and flood control engineering services for projects involving the City's water and wastewater systems pending Master Service Agreement approval by City Attorney Steve Peña was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in favor.

10. <u>Discussion and possible action to approve a Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 submitted by Briscoe Architectural Conservation in the amount of \$91,814.00 for the Stockmen's Bank Project.</u>

Motion to approve a Contractor's Application for Payment No. 3 submitted by Briscoe Architectural Conservation in the amount of \$91,814.00 for the Stockmen's Bank Project was made by Councilman T. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilman G. Ayala, with all in favor.

## 11. <u>Discussion and possible action to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No.</u> 7 submitted by J&K Utility Services, LLC in the amount of \$25,637.09 for Cotulla Chemical Feed and Water Main Project.

Motion to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 7 submitted by J&K Utility Services, LLC in the amount of \$25,637.09 for Cotulla Chemical Feed and Water Main Project was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

# 12. <u>Discussion and possible action to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No.</u> 10 submitted by McKinley Drilling Co. in the amount of \$278,468.04 for Water Well No. 9.

Motion to approve Contractor's Application for Payment No. 10 submitted by McKinley Drilling Co. in the amount of \$278,468.04 for Water Well No. 9 was made by G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman A. Gonzalez, with all in favor.

### 13. <u>Discussion and possible action to amend the current Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency.</u>

Motion to extend the current Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency to May 30, 2020 to coincide with the Attorney General's Order was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman A. Gonzalez, with all in favor.

### 14. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. by Mayor J. Garcia.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 38th DAY OF May, 2020

Bianca Maldonado, City Secretary