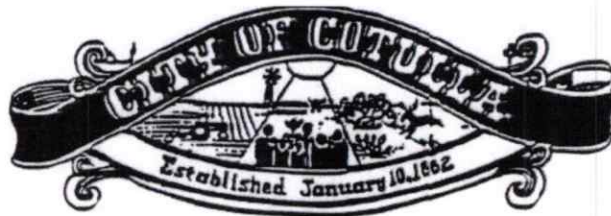


**Alderspersons**  
Eloy Zertuche  
Reynaldo Garcia  
Juan Garcia  
Alejandro Garcia, Jr.  
Manuel Rodriguez



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## **NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021**

### **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, July 8, 2021** 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 the City of Cotulla Council Meeting.**

The City Council of the City of Cotulla, Texas will hold a **REGULAR MEETING** at the **Alexander Convention Center 290 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](mailto:biancam.citysecretary@gmail.com). Questions regarding agenda items can be addressed by calling or messaging the following number during the meeting. (830) 483-1461.**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIDEO CONFERENCE.** The public may access this meeting through the City of Cotulla YouTube Page at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) **City of Cotulla COC**  or City of Cotulla webpage [www.cityofcotulla.org](http://www.cityofcotulla.org).

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Javier Garcia.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Javier Garcia, Councilman Reynaldo Garcia, Eloy Zertuche, Alejandro Garcia, Jr., Manuel Rodriguez

Absent: Councilman Juan Garcia

Motion to excuse Councilman J. Garcia was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman M. Rodriguez, with all in favor.

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](mailto: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 comments.

5. Departmental and Committee Reports

- a. Municipal Court – no report submitted
- b. Code Compliance – written report was submitted by Melissa Perales.
- c. Water/Wastewater – verbal report presented by David Wright.
- d. Gas – written report submitted by Geraldo Reyna.
- e. Streets & Parks – written report submitted by Robbie Thomas.
- f. Sanitation – written report submitted by Mel Martinez.
- g. Animal Control – no report submitted.
- h. Main Street – no report submitted.

6. Approval of Minutes

- June 10, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 10, 2021 was made by Councilman M. Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED**

7. **Discussion and possible action ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS FOR THE PROPOSED COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN CITY ROADS.**

Motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS FOR THE PROPOSED COUNTY MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN CITY ROADS was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman M. Rodriguez, with all in favor.

8. **Discussion and possible action ON A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTULLA ELECTING ONE (1) ALDERMAN TO SERVE AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR.**

Councilman M. Rodriguez nominated Councilman A. Garcia, Jr. receiving 2 votes. Councilman E. Zertuche nominated himself receiving 2 votes. Mayor J. Garcia voted Councilman E. Zertuche making the votes 3 to 2 in favor of Councilman E. Zertuche. Motion to approve A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTULLA ELECTING ONE (1) ALDERMAN Eloy Zertuche TO SERVE AS MAYOR PRO TEMPORE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR was made by Councilman A. Garcia, Jr. The motion was seconded by Councilman M. Rodriguez, with all in favor.

**MOTIONS TO BE APPROVED**

9. **Presentation of financial statements by Jorge Flores.**

Presentation of financial statements was made by Jorge Flores, no action was needed.

10. **Discussion and possible action to reject bid for Ortiz Street Drainage Improvements.**

Motion to reject the bid for Ortiz Street Drainage Improvements Project was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman M. Rodriguez, with all

in favor.

11. **Discussion and possible action to approve FINAL Completion and FINAL Contractors Application for Payment submitted by Briscoe Architectural Conservation in the amount of \$32,918.00 for the Stockmen's Bank Project.**  
Motion to approve FINAL Completion and FINAL Contractors Application for Payment submitted by Briscoe Architectural Conservation in the amount of \$32,918.00 for the Stockmen's Bank Project was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman M. Rodriguez, with all in favor.
12. **Discussion and possible action to award contract for Phase II – Stockmen's Bank Project.**  
Motion to award contract for Phase II – Stockmen's Bank Project was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman M. Rodriguez, with all in favor.
13. **Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Superintendent Mr. Ruben Cervantes requesting permission to use the Alexander Convention Center with rental fee waived for their Annual Welcome Back Convocation.**  
Motion to approve a request submitted by Superintendent Mr. Ruben Cervantes requesting permission to use the Alexander Convention Center with rental fee waived for their Annual Welcome Back Convocation was made by Councilman M. Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.
14. **Discussion and possible action on a proposal submitted by Engineering Utility Solutions, Inc. for Evaluations & Recommendations on our City's Natural Gas Cathodic Protection System in the amount of \$55,715.00.**  
Motion to approve a proposal submitted by Engineering Utility Solutions, Inc. for Evaluations & Recommendations on our City's Natural Gas Cathodic Protection System in the amount of \$55,715.00 was made by Councilman M. Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.
15. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Services Agreement between Top Site Civil Group, LLC and the City of Cotulla to provide engineering services for building permit and/or plat reviews.**  
Motion to approve a Services Agreement between Top Site Civil Group, LLC and the City of Cotulla to provide engineering services for building permit and/or plat reviews was made by Councilman M. Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.
16. **Discussion and possible action to solicit for professional services and request Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to provide Engineering and Surveying services.**  
Motion to allow staff to solicit for professional services and request Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to provide Engineering and Surveying services was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman A. Garcia, Jr, with all in favor.
17. **Discussion and possible action on a proposal submitted by GPRS Inc. for a ground penetrating radar survey as part of the Cristo Rey mapping project to locate unmarked graves in conjunction with the cemetery litigation settlement with La Salle County.**

Motion to approve a proposal submitted by GPRS Inc. for a ground penetrating radar survey as part of the Cristo Rey mapping project to locate unmarked graves in conjunction with the cemetery litigation settlement with La Salle County was made by Councilman M. Rodriguez. The motion was seconded by Councilman E. Zertuche, with all in favor.

18. **Report on 2022 La Salle County Appraisal District Proposed Budget.**

Report only; no action needed.

19. **CLOSED SESSION – Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. Sec. 551.074 Personnel Matters**

a. **Letter of Understanding to provide well maintenance by Eusebio Garcia**


20. **OPEN SESSION – The city council will reconvene into open session to discuss and take possible action on the closed session item 19 a.**

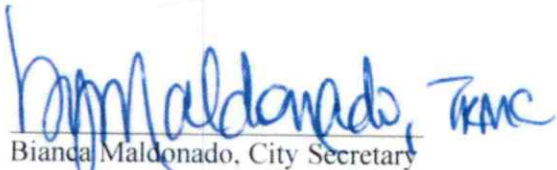
Motion to table Closed Session was made by Councilman E. Zertuche. The motion was seconded by Councilman A. Garcia, Jr., with all in favor.

21. **Adjourn.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m. by Mayor J. Garcia.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 12th DAY OF August, 2021

  
Javier Garcia, Mayor

  
Bianca Maldonado, City Secretary