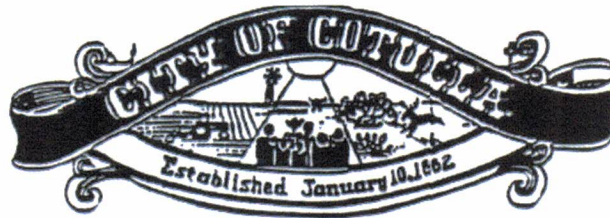


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**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

MINUTES

The City of Cotulla City Council will meet for a regular meeting on February 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Chambers, 117 N. Front St., Cotulla, Texas. This is an open meeting subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Texas.

1. Call to Order.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Javier Garcia.

2. Roll Call.

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

Motion to excuse Councilman Alfredo N. Gonzalez was made by Councilman Juan Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tanis Lopez, with all in favor.

Councilman Luis Allala, Jr. absence is unexcused.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

4. Citizens to be heard. *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 Judge – written report submitted by Teri Gonzalez.
- b. Code Compliance – verbal report presented by Melissa Perales.
- c. Water / Wastewater – verbal report presented by David Wright.
- d. Gas – no report submitted.
- e. Streets & Park – verbal report was presented by Robbie Thomas.
- f. Sanitation – verbal report presented by Mel Martinez.
- g. Animal Control – written report was submitted by Eric Martinez.
- h. Main Street- verbal report was presented by Bianca Ortiz.

6. Approval of minutes

- January 9, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 9, 2020 was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

ORDINANACES AND RESOLUTIONS TO BE APPROVED

7. Discussion and possible action ON CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS APPROVING A LOAN FORGIVENESS AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD; DESIGNATING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO.

Motion to approve CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS APPROVING A LOAN FORGIVENESS AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD; DESIGNATING CERTAIN CITY OFFICIALS WITH THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE SUCH AGREEMENT; AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO was made by Councilman T. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilman G. Ayala, with all in favor.

8. Discussion and possible action ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS ESTABLISHING 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.

Item was a discussion only, no action was taken.

9. Discussion and possible action ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC PROPERTY FINANCE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$253,926.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL USE; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY CAPITAL FINANCE CORPORATION ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" HERETO AND OTHER LENDER DOCUMENTATION EVIDENCING THE INDEBTEDNESS; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; INCORPORATING RECITALS AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion to approve A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PUBLIC PROPERTY FINANCE CONTRACT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THREE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS (\$253,926.00) FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL USE; DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENDORSE THE RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY CAPITAL FINANCE CORPORATION ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" HERETO AND OTHER LENDER DOCUMENTATION EVIDENCING THE INDEBTEDNESS; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; INCORPORATING RECITALS AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was made by Councilman T. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilman G. Ayala, with all in favor.

10. **Discussion and possible action ON AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 2. – CITY COUNCIL, ART. II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COUTLLA TO CONFORM WITH THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE’S REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIFORM ELECTION DATES; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTULLA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 2. – CITY COUNCIL, ART. II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COTULLA TO CONFORM WITH THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE’S REQUIREMENTS FOR UNIFORM ELECTION DATES; DECLARING A PUBLIC PURPOSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER; INCORPORATING RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE was made by Councilman T. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

MOTIONS TO BE APPROVED

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

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

12. **Discussion and possible action on an Inter-local agreement to conduct joint elections between the Cotulla Independent School District and the City of Cotulla, Texas for the May 2, 2020 General Election.**

Motion to approve an Inter-local agreement to conduct joint elections between the Cotulla Independent School District and the City of Cotulla, Texas for the May 2, 2020 General Election was made by Councilman T. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

13. **Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by the Cotulla High School Class of 2021 asking to use the Alexander Convention Center with rental fee waived to host the Junior/Senior Prom.**

Motion to approve a request submitted by the Cotulla High School Class of 2021 asking to use the Alexander Convention Center with rental fee waived to host the Junior/Senior Prom requiring only payment of \$400 deposit was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion T. Lopez, with all in favor.

14. **Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Gloria Tenery asking council to consider allowing the ownership of West 30’ of a 60’ paper street.**

Motion to proceed with a request submitted by Gloria Tenery asking council to consider allowing the ownership of West 30’ of a 60’ paper street requiring for the property to be platted was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in favor.

15. **Discussion and possible action to approve a Contractor’s Application for Payment Application # 7 submitted by McKinley Drilling, Co. in the amount of \$134,689.81 for Water Well No. 9.**

Motion to approve a Contractor’s Application for Payment Application # 7 submitted by McKinley Drilling, Co. in the amount of \$134,689.81 for Water Well No. 9 was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in

favor.

16. **Discussion and possible action to approve a contractor's pay application submitted by J&K Utility Services, LLC in the amount of \$50,411.08 for Cotulla Chemical Feed and Water Main Project.**

Motion to approve a contractor's pay application submitted by J&K Utility Services, LLC in the amount of \$50,411.08 for Cotulla Chemical Feed and Water Main Project was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman G. Ayala, with all in favor.

17. **Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 for Task Order No. 2 submitted by Tetra Tech in the amount of \$1,185.00.**

Motion to approve Amendment No. 1 for Task Order No. 2 submitted by Tetra Tech in the amount of \$1,185.00 was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in favor.

18. **Discussion and possible action to approve Amendment No. 1 for Task Order No. 4 submitted by Tetra Tech in the amount of \$28,089.00.**

Motion to approve Amendment No. 1 for Task Order No. 4 submitted by Tetra Tech in the amount of \$28,089.00 was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman G. Ayala, with all in favor.

19. **Discussion and possible action on a Work Authorization Agreement No. 4 submitted by S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. in the amount of \$68,400.00 for the City of Cotulla IH 35 Gas Line Relocation.**

Motion to approve a Work Authorization Agreement No. 4 submitted by S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. in the amount of \$68,400.00 for the City of Cotulla IH 35 Gas Line Relocation was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman G. Ayala, with all in favor.

20. **Discussion and possible action on a Work Authorization Agreement No. 5 submitted by S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. in the amount of \$70,400.00 for the City of Cotulla Business 35 Gas Line Relocation.**

Motion to approve a Work Authorization Agreement No. 5 submitted by S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. in the amount of \$70,400.00 for the City of Cotulla Business 35 Gas Line Relocation was made by Councilman T. Lopez. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

21. **Discussion and possible action on a request submitted by Jesusa Tellez asking for help in possibly placing some cement poles as barriers at her property located at 907 Goft Street due to some accidents that have previously occurred.**

Motion to approve a request submitted by Jesusa Tellez asking for help in possibly placing some cement poles as barriers at her property located at 907 Goft Street due to some accidents that have previously occurred was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

22. **Discussion and possible action on a proposal to provide water services to the future location of 4L Oilfield Services to be located at 1399 FM 624.**

Motion to approve subject to them agreeing to become annexed into city limits was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in

favor.

23. **Discussion and possible action to approve and accept the substantial completion of the City Hall Project Phase I.**

Motion to approve and accept the substantial completion of the City Hall Project Phase I was made by Councilman J. Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in favor.

24. **Discussion and possible action on a letter submitted by Leonard Arche III and Ginger Arche donating Lots 1,2,3 and part of 4 Kerrs #2 to the City of Cotulla.**

Motion to accept donation by Leonard Arche, III of Lots 1,2,3 and part of 4 Kerrs #2 to the City of Cotulla was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman J. Garcia, with all in favor.

25. **Discussion and possible action on acceptance of written resignation of Alderman Place One.**

Item was pulled.

26. **Discussion and possible action on appointing an Alderman Place One for the unexpired term of office until the next regular election date.**

Item was pulled.

27. **CLOSED SESSION: Texas Gov't Code Ann Sec. 551.072 Real Property; Texas Gov't Code Ann Sec. 551.071 (1), (2) Consultation with attorney: Texas Gov't Code Ann Sec. 551.074 Personnel Matters**

Council entered into closed session at 7:50 p.m.

a.) **Acquisitions of real property Mustang Creek flood control project;**

b.) **David Wright**

28. **OPEN SESSION: City council will reconvene into open session to consider taking action on closed session items 27 (a) & (b).**

Council reconvened into open session at 8:09 p.m. to take action on the following:

27(a) – No action was taken.

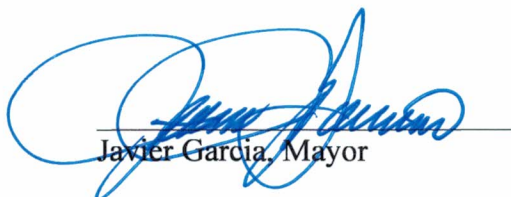
27(b) – David Wright will be Interim Superintendent for Water/Wastewater Department and receive a wage increase.

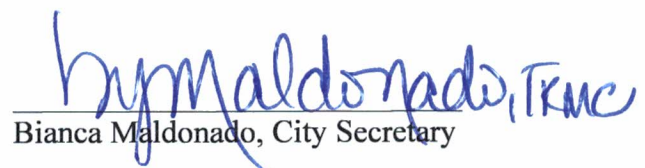
Motion to approve action on item 27(b) was made by Councilman G. Ayala. The motion was seconded by Councilman T. Lopez, with all in favor.

29. **Adjourn.**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m. by Mayor J. Garcia.

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 5th DAY OF March, 2020


Javier Garcia, Mayor


Bianca Maldonado, City Secretary