

**CITY OF CUERO
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
MARCH 11, 2019 5:15 PM**

Members Present: Mayor Sara Post Meyer, Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, Councilmembers John Fuqua, Tony Allen, Terry Glover, Brad Hedrick and Roy Johnson.

Staff Present: Park Supervisor David Danish, Environmental Supervisor Cheryl Merzbacher, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Building Inspector\Code Enforcer Rafael Bali, Finance Director Connie Hawes, Main Street Manager Sandra Osman, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, City Attorney James Crain, and City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt.

1. **Call to Order and Announce a Quorum is Present**
2. **Invocation** led by James K. Crain, III
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** to the American Flag and the Texas Flag Led by W.T. "Tony" Allen.
4. **Public Comments:** Peggy Ledbetter spoke to Council regarding the Veterans Park Project expansion of five feet on both sides of entrance to put a directory stand on the right side and a bench on the left side.

Guy Dolan spoke to Council regarding doing a city wide garage sale in April asking the city to wave the permitting fee and allowing signs in the yards. He will meet with City Manager.

5. Presentation and Recognitions

5.1 Presentation from Crystal Irvin On SNYPD (Spay Neuter Your Pet DeWitt Co.)

A power point presentation was given to inform Council of a new non- profit organization to assist with spay and neuter of dogs and cats in DeWitt County. They will have a consignment shop in the building at 514 French Street to help with funding. They asked if the city would donate their yearly funding to them to distribute. They will meet with the City Manager.

6. Ordinances - Emergency Reading

6.1. Discuss/consider and possible action on Ordinance No. 2019-07, canceling the May 4, 2019 City of Cuero General Election and Certifying Unopposed Candidates

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve Ordinance 2019-07. Motion was approved unanimously.

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First Reading of an Ordinance

7.1. Discuss, consider and possible action on Ordinance No. 2019-07 approving the Grammatical Corrections and Errors in the Home Rule Charter of the City Of Cuero.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-07. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Council Consideration and Action Items

8.1. Discuss consider and possible action on request from Camal House regarding Utilities.

Director of CAMAL House, Freda Nelson presented to Council how many families they give food and assistance to. She requested relief on the utility service at the business. Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Matthys to have City Manager look into it and report back to Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

8.2. Discuss, consider and possible action on report from Linda Henderson On Keep Cuero Beautiful and Keep Texas Beautiful 2018 Litter Survey.

Mrs. Henderson and members of Keep Cuero Beautiful drove around to some of the blighted areas of Cuero and reported to Council the positives and the negatives in District 2. No action was taken.

8.3. Discuss, consider and possible action on amending the previous 50% for the Airport Feasibility Study from \$1000 To \$5000.

Motion made by Councilmember Hedrick, seconded by Councilmember Allen to allow up to \$5000 for the study and to have Ron Price who did the previous study in 2014 to do the study. The motion was approved 5 for and 1 against.

8.4. Discuss, consider and possible action on Downtown Market Days Bi-Law Approval.

Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve the bi-laws. Motion approved unanimously.

8.5. Discuss, consider and possible action on request for street closures for Hometown Harvest on Main Event, Monday 4/29/19 from 12:00 PM to 10:00 PM. N.E. Railroad Behind the 200 Block of E. Main Up to and along S. Gonzales to E. Main, then to Clinton St.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Hedrick to approve the street closure for the event. Motion was approved unanimously.

8.6. Discuss, consider and possible action on street closure for the Downtown Farmer's Market Days Street Chalk Art from Friday, 06/21/19 At 12:00 PM to Saturday, 06/22/19 At 1:00 PM from N. E. Railroad Ave. behind the 200 Block of E. Main Street and along S. Gonzales to E. Main.

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Fuqua to approve the street closing for the event. The motion was approved unanimously.

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9. Reports

9.1. Report On Cuero Municipal Park

David Danish reported that he has received the 5 new mowers for the park and two new mowers for the cemetery. Also has received the new machines to maintain the golf course. He stated they are advertising for a Pool Manager and lifeguards.

9.2. Report On Main Street Work Plan for 2019

Main St. Manager presented work plan to Council which included promoting the bat house, applying for an art grant to do the alley by Standard Printing, and doing a downtown assessment.

9.3. Reinvestment Historical District Report from Main Street Manager

Reported that approximately \$6 million from 2013-2017 has been reinvested in Cuero Historical district.

10. Consent Agenda: Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Johnson to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion was approved unanimously.

10.1. City Council Minutes for 1/22/19, 2/11/19 and 2/15/19

10.2. Reappointment Monica Fuqua and Cindy Holcomb to the Library Board for a term of two years.

10.3. Reappointment of Beth Parker, Chris Coppedge and Robert Garrett for the Building and Standards Commission for a two year term.

10.4. Approve Greg Freeman to serve on the Cuero Development Corporation Board of Directors for a two year term.

10.5. Library Minutes and Report

10.6. Building Department Monthly Report

10.7. Municipal Court Monthly Report

10.8. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report

11. Executive Session: Council adjourned regular meeting and went into executive session at 8:05 PM.

11.1. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 5, SECTION 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.086, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE DELIBERATION REGARDING MUNICIPALLY OWNED UTILITY.

A. Consultation with City Manager to discuss the future purchases of electricity from wholesale providers.

12. Reconvene into Open Session. Council reconvened into open session at 8:31 PM.

12.1. RECONVENE TO OPEN(PUBLIC) MEETING TO TAKE NECESSARY ACTION, IF ANY, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER ITEM 11.1 A. ABOVE.

Motion made by Councilmember Johnson, seconded by Councilmember Allen to authorize the City Manager to purchase up to 35% electricity from wholesale providers on the open market.

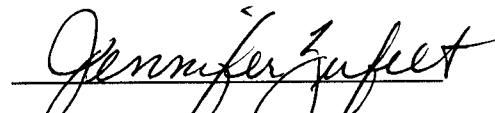
The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Adjourn: Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2019


Sara Post Meyer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Zufelt, City Secretary