



# **CITY OF CUERO**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

### **APRIL 11, 2022      5:00 PM**

4/11/2022 - Minutes

#### **1. Call To Order And Announce A Quorum Is Present**

Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Members present were Mayor Sara Post Meyer, Councilmembers John Fuqua, Emil Garza, Terry Glover, Tony Allen and Mitch Adams. Mayor Pro Tem was absent due to being out of town.

Staff present: City Manager Raymie Zella, Finance Director Connie Hawes, City Attorney James Crain, Police Chief Jay Lewis, Deputy City Secretary Katelyn Corporon, City Secretary Jennifer Zufelt, Museum Director Amber Fitts, Parks Supervisor David Danish, Main Street Manager Sandra Osman, Assistant to the Director of Utilities Rhonda Stastny, and Environmental Supervisor Cheryl Merzbacher.

#### **2. Invocation**

City Attorney James Crain gave invocation.

#### **3. Pledge Of Allegiance**

Councilmember Emil Garza led the pledges.

#### **4. Public Comments**

Linda Henderson spoke to Council thanking Council for their input for the KCB Litter report. She also thanked Council for all the progress in District 2, such as clean up of abandoned houses, lots and infrastructure being installed. Mrs. Henderson was pleased to see new business's and praised the park improvements such as dog park, splash pad, and golf course.

#### **5. Presentation And Recognitions**

##### **5.1. Arbor Day Proclamation**

Mayor Meyer read an Arbor Day Proclamation and presented it to Tree Board Member Margo Flack.

#### **6. Reports**

##### **6.1. Annual Audit Report From Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, LLP.**

Melissa Terry from Harrison, Waldrop & Uherek, LLP. Accounts presented the City of Cuero 2021 Audit report.

## **6.2. Report From Environmental Service Department On Spring Clean Up Week**

Environmental Supervisor Cheryl Merzbacher gave report to Council stating that 76.42 tons were collected. Sixteen forty yard containers were used with at cost of \$9,200 of landfill fees. There were 68 loads of brush, 32 phones, tires and metal collected. A 55' trailer was filled to the top with electronics. There will be a neighborhood clean-up on April 30th. Dumpsters will be put in each district for collect

## **6.3. Update From Heritage Museum Director For The "Plan Of Events" For The Cuero 150th Birthday Celebration**

Museum Manager Amber Fitts gave Councilmembers some ideas for the 150 year Birthday Celebration which includes a reenactment of gun slinging , medicine show, parade, hot dog lunch, grand opening of Pharmacy & Medical Museum, bands and other ideas.

## **7. Council Consideration And Action Items**

### **7.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Closing Of The Streets/Gates In The Municipal Park For BBQ Events In June, July And September.**

Park Supervisor presented the information on the three proposed events.

June 10 & 11th: Hero Fest Cookoff. Start at 5:00 PM Friday June 10th end at 7:00 PM Saturday June 11th. Limit to 50 cooking teams. Main Street gates to remain open, Broadway Street gate to be closed and MLK St. to be closed.

July 22nd & 23rd : Cuero Volunteer Fire Dept. Cookoff. Limit of 50 cooking teams. Start at 5:00 pm Friday July 22nd and open at 7:00 pm on July 23rd. Main Street gates open, Broadway St. Gate closed and Lakefront open.

September 23rd and 24th: Hero Fest Memorial Service. Close off Broadway St. gate, block off east side of clubhouse for cookers. Main St gates open as well Lakefront gate. Plates to go will enter park from Main St gate, Loop around flag pole and back out to Main St. gate.

### **7.2. Discuss, Consider, And Possible Action On A Request From St. Michael's School To Close E. Main Street, From McLeod St. To The Municipal Park, April 23, 2022 From 9:00 -10:00 Am. For Their Annual "Color Run".**

Jennifer Saenz, Principal at St. Michael's School was present to request the closing of E. Main Street for the Annual "Color Run".

Police Chief Lewis stated it would be better to just close half of E. Main Street leaving it open for traffic because Main St. is a high traffic street especially on a Saturday. He stated that he would provide a patrol car to lead and one to follow behind during the event.

Motion made by Councilmember Garza, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve the closing of half of E. Main St. from McLeod St. to the Municipal Park. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **7.3. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-09, Approving A Contract With Azavar To Provide The City Of Cuero Professional Management, Government, Revenue And Tax And Computer Consulting Services.**

Motion made by Councilmember Fuqua, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve Resolution No. 2022-09, contract with Azavar. The motion was approved unanimously.

**7.4. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Purchasing Property At 602 Grant Street, Between Bruce And Yorktown Streets, For The Possibility Of A Park.**

Council would like to put a "pocket park" on three lots that are currently available for purchase. Motion made by Councilmember Allen, seconded by Councilmember Garza, to instruct the City Manager to negotiate terms with the owners and City Attorney to prepare an earnest money contract. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8. Resolutions**

**8.1. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-07, Awarding Bid For The 2022 TXCDBG-Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Grant Program To Public Management Services.**

Motion made by Councilmember Glover, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve Resolution No. 2022-07, awarding the bid to submit application for the Downtown Revitalization Grant Program to Public Management Services. The motion was approved unanimously.

**8.2. Discuss, Consider And Possible Action On Resolution No. 2022-08, Approving The Proposal From Public Management For Submission Of Grant Application Preparation And Administration Services For The Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) 2022 Downtown Revitalization Program.**

Motion made by Councilmember Adams, seconded by Councilmember Glover to approve Resolution No. 2022-08, contract with Public Management Services for the submission of the Downtown Revitalization Grant Program. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9. Consent Agenda**

Motion made by Councilmember Garza, seconded by Councilmember Allen to approve all items on the consent agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

**9.1. Council Meeting Minutes 3/14/2022 And 4/4/2022**

**9.2. Appoint Lynn Falcone To The Cuero Development Corporation Board For A Two Year Term, Replacing Randy Jochim. April 2022-2024**

**9.3. Re-Appoint Marcellus Wesley And Almaretta Echavarria To The Cuero Housing Authority Board 2022-2024 Term.**

**9.4. Building Department Monthly Report**

**9.5. Municipal Court Monthly Report**

**9.6. DeWitt County Appraisal District Monthly Report**

**9.7. Library Monthly Report**

**10. Items Of Community Interest**

**11. Adjourn**

Mayor Meyer adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2022

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SARA POST MEYER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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JENNIFER ZUFELT, CITY SECERTARY