

**REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Caldwell, Burleson County, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting at the City Hall regular meeting place thereof at 6:30P.M., March 17, 2020 with the following members present:

Members Present:

Norris L. McManus	-Mayor
Allan G. Willis	-Mayor Pro-Tempore
Kavon Novak	-Alderman
James C. Wilde	-Alderman
Jonnie Vic Barnett	-Alderman
Nancy B. Stewart	-Alderwoman

Staff Members Present:

Camden White	-City Administrator
Melissa Gonzalez	-City Secretary
Charles Barnes	-Police Chief
Thomas Trnka	-Public Works Manager
Bengee Trnka	-Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

See attached.

The Regular Meeting was in compliance with the Open Meeting Law of the State of Texas. The Agenda was posted within full view of the public for a time greater than seventy-two hours.

A quorum being present and the time being 6:30P.M., the Regular Meeting was called to order by Mayor McManus to proceed with business as listed on the agenda.

Alderman Willis gave the Invocation and Alderman Novak led the pledge to the U.S. and Texas Flags.

Minutes for the 02-18-2020 Regular Meeting were before the Council for approval. Alderman Wilde moved they be approved as printed. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No"

Mayor McManus had the Guests to introduce themselves.

Citizens to be Heard: Gary Easter went before the Council with a brief history story of leaders in years past who were visionaries and planned future business and improvements for Caldwell.

Due to the Covid-19 outbreak throughout the State, Jerry Hill was not present to give an update on city hall. City Administrator White did report that the parking lot has been poured, the roof has been done and contractors are currently hanging air ducts.

Janice Easter reported on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, the first 2020 Kolache Festival Committee meeting is set for March 30, 2020.

Mike Sutherland gave the Economic Development Council, Inc. Report.

Forrest Williams gave the Community Development Report.

Mark Cochran and Bill Sergeant with Mason Lodge No. 56 approached the Council requesting placement of a cornerstone at the new city hall. When the building is 90% complete a masonic cornerstone ceremony would take place permanently including the stone to the building. Alderman Barnett moved to approve placement of a masonic cornerstone at the new city hall. Alderwoman Stewart seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderwoman Stewart moved to approve a re-plat to subdivide property located at 302 S. Wright Street. Alderman Novak seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved to approve a re-plat to subdivide property at Williams Subdivision located at 409 N. Stone Street. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderwoman Stewart moved to approve the Election Contract between the Elections Administrator and the City with the amendment to change the pay for election workers from \$9 dollars per hour to \$12. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Wilde moved to appoint Joni Cook, Marie Gonzalez as Presiding and Alternate Judges on Election Day; Joni Cook and Pam Wood as Early Voting Judges; and Frances Zgabay and Angie Jones as Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge to the Early Voting Ballot Board and the Central Counting Station. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved to approve the Amended and Restated Easement Agreement between Entergy Texas, Inc. and the City for easement right of way to the substation. Alderwoman Stewart seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderwoman Stewart moved to re-appoint Lina Burns as Chairwoman and appoint Taylor Locke to the Main Street Advisory Board through 2022. Alderman Novak seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".


Alderman Wilde moved that the Juneteenth Parade be held on June 20, 2020 at 10am. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Accounts Payable were reviewed by Council.

Staff and Council Reports:

- a. Sales Tax Report, Reviewed.
- b. Application Building Report, Reviewed.
- c. Code Enforcement Report, Reviewed.
- d. Municipal Court Report, Reviewed.
- e. Police Report, Reviewed.
- f. Electric, Water/Wastewater Report for November 2019 and December 2019, Reviewed.
- g. Administration Report:
City Administrator White has been in contact with DHS regarding Covid-19. His recommendation is to close all city offices to the public but to continue services with minimal contact with citizens. At this time, all city employees are required to report to work as usual. He has also suspended the processing fee for credit cards used to pay utility bills.
- h. Council's questions, comments or concerns:
Mayor met with local leaders last night, the little league will follow UIL rules in suspending practices and games until further notice.
Alderman Novak questioned if videoconferencing will be available at the new city hall. City Administrator White responded with yes.
Alderman Barnett thanked Gary Easter for sharing the history of Caldwell from many years ago.


There being no further business, Alderman Novak moved the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No". Mayor McManus declared the meeting adjourned at 7:34P.M.



Melissa Gonzalez
City Secretary

Date Approved: May 19, 2020

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Norris L. McManus
Mayor