

CALLED MEETING AUGUST 4, 2020

The City Council of the City of Caldwell, Burselson County, Texas convened in a Special Called Meeting at the City Hall regular meeting place thereof at 3:00P.M., August 4, 2020 with the following members present:

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

James C. Wilde	-Alderman
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Staff Members Present:

Camden White	-City Administrator
Melissa Gonzalez	-City Secretary
Forrest Williams	-Community Development Director

The Called 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. Due to COVID-19 and based on the recommendations from the CDC and Governor Abbott's Executive Orders, the City of Caldwell observed guidelines to limit the number of persons physically present during the Special Called Meeting. The meeting was made available to members of the public and allowed for two-way communications for those desiring to participate at the discretion of Mayor McManus.

Attendance was made via telephonic means by dialing 1(646)749-3122, Access Code: 680-038-565 and/or through the link at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/680038565>

A quorum being present and the time being 3:00P.M., the Called Meeting was called to order by Mayor McManus to proceed with business as listed on the agenda.

City Administrator White introduced the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) that directly falls under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES ACT. Funding was allocated to the state of Texas for state and local governments to mitigate the spread of the virus. Plans are to purchase additional laptops for staff, iPads for field service crews and MDT's (mobile computers) for the police department, in an order to keep them from entering buildings and to encourage social distancing. 25% of the funds may be used for businesses, utility/rental assistance, etc. A small committee will need to be established to administer those funds. In August a budget amendment to include these funds to the budget will be brought before the council for approval.

Alderman Novak moved to approve Resolution No. 08042020 designating Strand Associates as the professional engineering service provider to complete the application and project implementation for the CDBG-Mitigation (MIT) funding through the General Land Office (GLO). Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Administration and Council's questions, comments or concerns;

Council

Alderman Novak mentioned his gratefulness for the article in the paper pertaining to the new city hall. He also mentioned the street sweeper leaves dirt in the middle of the road when sweeping, if we could have someone follow behind to clean up, otherwise he is doing a great job throughout the city. He has also noticed culverts full of leaves that need attention.

Administration

City Secretary mentioned another Called Meeting for next week to call the order of election for November 3, 2020.

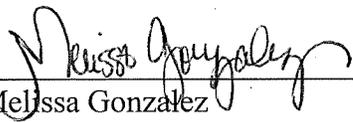
City Administrator White mentioned he has been working on the budget and has met with Curtis Doss regarding the property tax rate for 2020.

He also had a city hall meeting and it was reported that masonry work would begin this week, the interior framing will be completed, glass drive thru still needs to be installed, inside of the building will be cleaned to begin sheet rock interior.

Chief Barnes reported he is researching an ordinance that will address the idling of trucks late in the evening that results in disturbing the peace in neighborhoods.

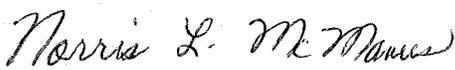
Community Development Director Forrest Williams mentioned that he is in the process of working on a promotional video for the comprehensive plan. The objective is to gain the interest of the citizens in joining the task force that will be needed to develop the plan. The downtown survey he has posted has received approximately 200 responses.

There being no further discussion, Alderman Willis moved the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman voted "Aye" none "No". Mayor McManus declared the meeting adjourned at 3:27P.M.


Melissa Gonzalez
City Secretary

Date Approved: September 15, 2020

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Norris L. McManus
Mayor