

**REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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., September 15, 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
Forrest Williams	-Community Development Director
Charles Barnes	-Police Chief
Bengee Trnka	-Administrative Assistant
Thomas Trnka	-Public Works Manager

Guests Present:

Jerry Hill	-Architect
Mike Sutherland	-BCEDC
Susan Mott	-Chamber of Commerce
Chris Pontusso	-Waller
Janice Easter	-Citizen

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.

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 the link at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/680038565>

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 from the 8-4-20 Called Meeting, 8-13-20 Called Meeting, 8-18-20 Regular Meeting and 8-25-20 Workshop Meeting were before the Council for approval. Alderman Novak moved they be approved as printed. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Chris Pantuso from Waller, Texas went before the Council to discuss Covid-19 testing and his plans to perform testing at the civic center. A blood analyzer made in China would be used to test citizens and a charge of \$80 would be collected.

Mayor McManus read a Proclamation on Core Essential Values for the month of September. The Core Value for the month is Friendship. The city is participating with the Caldwell Independent School District in promoting students to understand essential values through their Core Values Campaign.

Jerry Hill was present to give an update on the new city hall. He presented color swatches of the external front of the building façade for both main and council buildings. He communicated with the contractor today and requested to see more contractors working on the project

Susan Mott gave the Chamber of Commerce report.

Mike Sutherland gave the Burleson County Economic Development Council, Inc. report.

Alderman Wilde moved to approve the City Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021. Alderman Willis seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved to approve an Ordinance setting the 2020 Property Tax Rate at 0.37957 Alderman Wilde seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Willis moved to approve an Ordinance granting Homestead Exemptions up to \$10,000.00 of assessed value to person 65 years of age or older and to person who qualify under the Federal Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program administered by the Social Security Administration. Alderman Novak seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved on accepting the recommendation of the Main Street Advisory Board for the creation of an Adopt-A- Box Program. Alderwoman Stewart seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Yay" none "No".

Forrest Williams introduced the newly appointed members of the Comprehensive Master Plan Task Force Members and they are; Tony Zaccagnino, Gail Dantzler, Mark Goodman, Gregory

Perry, Joni Cook, Sallie Mae Fisher, Amy Jurica Hinnant, Sarah Enrique, Kent Laza, Sandy Broaddus Malone, Katy Lane (Advisory Member).

Agenda Item #16 will be postponed until further notice.

Alderman Willis moved to appoint Dr. Scott Chennault as the City Health Officer for a one-year term. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Wilde moved to appoint Shawn Jennings, Cody Freeman and William Huebner to the Electric Board for a one-year term. Alderman Novak seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved to appoint Melanie Praesel to the Plumbing Board for a four-year term and postpone the second appointee until further notice. Alderwoman seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Willis moved to elect Robert T. Herrera with the City of Cibolo to Place 1; John W. (Buzz) Fullen with the City of Henderson to Place 2; Jeffrey Snyder with the City of Plainview to Place 3; and Sean Overeynder with the City of Lamesa to Place 4 to the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees. Alderman Novak seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderwoman Stewart moved to approve the Texas Department of Transportation 2020 Grant for Routine Airport Maintenance Program for the Caldwell Municipal Airport. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Citizens State Bank submitted a rate of 0.20% and Prosperity Bank a rate of 0.20% with a floor of 0.30% for depository accounts. Alderman Willis moved to use both banks as depositories for city accounts for a two-year period, Fiscal year October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022. Alderman Wilde seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved to approve closing Buck Street for the Burleson County Fair Parade on September 19, 2020 from 10:00A.M. to 1:00P.M. Alderwoman Stewart seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderman Novak moved to close Buck Street from Echols and Main Street for "Dinner on Buck Street event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on October 10, 2020 from 5:30P.M. to 10:00P.M. Alderman Barnett seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Alderwoman Stewart moved to postpone the creation of a Round-up Program through the city utility billing account system for the Boys & Girls Club. Alderman Novak seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No".

Accounts Payable were reviewed by Council.

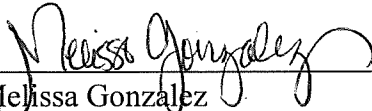
Staff and Council Reports:

- A. Sales Tax Report, Reviewed.
- B. Application Building Permit Report, Reviewed.
- C. Community Development Report, Reviewed.
- D. Code Enforcement Report, Reviewed.
- E. City Hall Monthly Report, Reviewed.
- F. Municipal Court Report, Reviewed.
- G. Police Report, Reviewed.
- H. Electric, Water/Wastewater Reports for June, May and April, Reviewed.
- I. Administration/Elected Officials Report;

City Administrator White report:

- Code Enforcement violations have been issued. 5 citations will be issued and warrants will be issued so that we can proceed with mowing those lots.
- Working on the Economic Essentive Program. Will need to meet with the EDC to make final arrangements.
- Budget for the CARES Act to aid small businesses and help with utility assistance for customers is currently in the planning process.
- In order to discuss hot fund tax promoting tourism for the Chamber a budget workshop would help in assisting with that program.
- Lift Station off FM 975 is near completion.
- Martin Luther King (MLK) Street has been completed. Meadowbrook and Kleb Street will be next on the list.

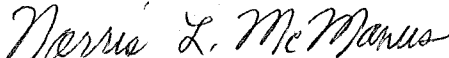
There being no further discussion, Alderman Novak moved to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Wilde seconded the motion. All Aldermen and Alderwoman Voted "Aye" none "No". Mayor McManus declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02P.M.



Melissa Gonzalez
City Secretary

Date Approved: October 20, 2020

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Norris L. McManus
Mayor