

Minutes of
Cresson City Council Meeting
September 8, 2020

Mayor Conway called the City Council meeting of Cresson, Texas to order at 7:00 PM September 8, 2020 at the City of Cresson Council Chambers. Attendance as follows:

Mayor Teena Conway	Ron Becker(absent)	Kenneth Benzenhoefer
Jack Farr	Pam Manley	Lisa Clement

Pastor Terre McGill of the Cresson United Methodist Church gave the invocation. Councilperson Manley led the U.S. Pledge and the Texas Pledge.

Meeting was opened to the public.

Citizen's Comments

Mr. Butch McIntyre of Skyline Drive in Bluebonnet Hills thanked the council for putting the turn lanes back on Hwy 377 outside of Bluebonnet Hills. He also wanted to make a record that even though lawmakers were trying to cancel all exemptions for vaccinations that he would not be taking any vaccinations, particularly any related to COVID-19

Mayor Report and Comments

- A. **First 90 days in office review**-Mayor Conway showed a PowerPoint of all that has been completed in her first 90 days in office.
- B. **TXDOT Railroad findings and action**-Mayor Conway met virtually with Mr. Lee Deck from the Houston TXDOT RR regarding the City's concern around the danger that comes with the offloading of the ethanol gas into trucks near the city's two major highways. Mr. Deck shared that this practice is done all over the county on the Railroad's properties. His office enforces regulations for the transportation within the railroad. Although railroads are considered private property, they are still regulated by TXDOT's Transportation and Railroad regulations. He did commit to having a staff member visit our site to ensure all regulations are being followed. He will also ask that training procedures be reviewed along with the unloading operations. He did mention he is short staffed so the visit may take 30-60 days to happen.
- C. **"Veteran's On the Road" early findings**-Councilperson Manley has worked with Randy McGuffee with TXSERVES North Texas and On the Road an organization that works with places to identify vehicles that could be donated, rebuilt or salvaged for parts and enables Veterans to get back on the road with a refurbished vehicle. There will be no cost to the city to distribute the flyers for the organization.
- D. **Subdivision Ordinance**-this is both on the website and in hard copy form at City Hall.

- E. **Storm impact to Well #4 in Bluebonnet Hills**-there was a lightning strike to the surge trap on the well. It has been repaired and an insurance claim has been filed to try to recoup part of the \$3000 cost.
- F. **Diana Jones**- Cresson Firefighter-EMT Diana Jones died on Monday, August 31, 2020 while battling the August Complex wildfire at Mendocino National Forest. She had been a member of the Cresson Volunteer Fire Department for nearly five years. She, along with her son, Ian Shelly, who is a Captain with the Cresson Volunteer Fire Department spent summers in Arizona, Oregon, and California fighting wildfires. Cresson Fire Chief, Ron Becker said “She was a good firefighter, she was a good EMT, and she was just a good person.” She was a beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend. We will greatly miss her visits to City Hall. The public is invited to pay their respects at the Cresson Fire Training Hall at 9401 Hwy 377. Services for Diana will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at the Granbury Church of Christ 1905 W. Pearl St.

DELIBERATION AGENDA

- A. **Approval of the minutes.** Mayor Conway asked the council to read the minutes of August 11, 2020. Councilperson Manley makes a motion to approve the minutes as written. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Manley and seconded by Councilperson Benzenhoefer. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. **An Ordinance Amending & Restating Ordinance No. 03-011, The Nuisance Ordinance.** Councilperson Manley makes a motion to approve the removal of Section 10. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Manley and seconded by Councilperson Benzenhoefer. 3 ayes and 1 nay. The motion passed.
- C. **Resolution canceling the November 3, 2020 election.** Councilperson Manley made a motion to approve the Resolution canceling the November 3, 2020 election due to the candidate for Place #4 running unopposed. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Manley and seconded by Councilperson Clement. 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 non-vote. The motion passed.
- D. **Presentation of 2018-2019 FY audit by Chris Turner.** Councilperson Manley made a motion to accept the audit. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Manley and seconded by Councilperson Benzenhoefer. 3 ayes, 0 nays and 1 non-vote. The motion passed.
- E. **A proposed amendment to the 2019-2020 FY Budget.** Councilperson Benzenhoefer makes a motion to approve the amendments as proposed. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Benzenhoefer and seconded by Councilperson Manley. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. **The Final Plat application for Bourland fields hangers.** Councilperson Farr makes a motion to approve the final plat application. Upon motion duly made by Councilperson Farr and seconded by Councilperson Clement. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.


Teena Conway, Mayor


Rachel Shelly, City Administrator