

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
August 15, 2023 – 6:30 p.m.
City Hall, 400 S. Hovey, Chico, Texas 76431

MINUTES

1. Invocation – Mayor to Invite Jamie Gunstanson to give the Invocation.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (U.S. & Texas) was led by Mayor Colleen Self.
3. Roll Call & Establish Quorum – City Secretary Rhonda Richey
Jack Souther – present
Mayor Pro-Tem Jimmy Counts - present
Ronnie McGuire – present
Mayor Colleen Self – present
Hannah Avants – present
Jamie Gunstanson – present

4. Call Meeting to Order – Mayor Colleen Self called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Motion by Jimmy Counts and seconded by Hannah Avants to enter into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. Pursuant to Chapter 551.071, *Texas Government Code*, Consultation with attorney on a matter in which the attorney's duty to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with this chapter and/or consult with attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or contemplated settlement of the same [1. WWTP TCEQ ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT ACT PROJECT No. 1622200; 2. DOCKET #CV23-01-062 EL CAMINO REAL VS CITY OF CHICO].

Motion by Hannah Avants and seconded by Ronnie McGuire to return to open session at 7:37 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

6. Consider/Act on items discussed in Executive Session (Items 5.a. & 5.b. above).

- a. 5.a.1. ENVIRONMENTAL AUDIT ACT No. 1622200
- b. 5.a.2. DOCKET #CV23-01-062 EL CAMINO REAL VS CITY OF CHICO.

Motion by Jimmy Counts and seconded by Jamie Gunstanson that we as the City Council commit to funding the Wastewater Treatment Plant with whatever means necessary after all Waterboard funding and everything has been exhausted. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Motion by Jimmy Counts and seconded by Hannah Avants to table item 6.b. All in favor. Motion Carried.

7. Discuss/Consider/Act on Bids Received for Construction of a New Water Well, New Water Line, and related Appurtenances:

- a. Award Water Well Bid to Lowest Responsible Bidder.
- b. Award Water Line Installation Bid to Lowest Responsible Bidder.
- c. Reject Any or All Bids and Authorize Kimley-Horn to Re-Bid the Project

Engineer David Perkins spoke about the bid for the water well and water line to feed the west side of town.

The bid for the water well was \$544,795.00 from THI Water Well.

There were 3 bids for the water line: \$792,805.00 / \$394,300.20 / \$620,236.86.

We have bid on this project twice now. We've been found in violation of the TCEQ rules, and this is what fixes that problem. If we bid on it a 3rd time, I don't anticipate the prices getting lower.

David Perkins recommendation was to award the bid to the lowest bidder.

Jimmy Counts asked what the original budget was for the well and water line. Engineer David Perkins couldn't recall exactly what the amount was but thought it was somewhere in the \$600,000 range. Acting City Manager Pat Dillon spoke about the available covid money the city received last year, the money in reserves, and still be about \$50,000 short but would have that money available by the time the project began.

We've got to respond to TCEQ, we told them we were having a meeting tonight to consider the bids. We would like you to award the bids contingent on the figures of where the funds are going to be coming from. I just need to double check the bank accounts and make sure, because we are literally going to use all our dollars if we do this. The only other thing is that we start getting fined and we go back through this again.

Jimmy Counts asked, "We have the money to get the well drilled with the funds we have, we're still going into next years budget figuring out how to it across right?" Pat Dillon answered "Well, a little bit yeah, but we'll also deplete all our reserves. The answer is yes." But I asked David Perkins whether or not we could delay that, and we cannot let the well sit, because it may not pump at all or you may have to rebuild if you let it sit."

Ronnie McGuire commented that "Once again, we have to do this, is where we're at?" Pat Dillon "Yes our well is not producing enough."

Motion by Ronnie McGuire and seconded by Jamie Gunstanson to accept item 7.a. & 7. b. the lowest bid for the Water Well from THI, and for the lines to Patterson Professional Services for \$394,300.20 contingent on Pat verifying that the funds discussed are readily available, and table item 7. c. All in favor. Motion Carried.

8. Discussion with Waste Connections regarding the City's Trash Collection Services.

No representative from Waste Connections was present for discussion.

9. Citizen Comments- *(State law prohibits the City Council from considering or deliberating on any item not listed on the posted City Council Agenda. A person may address the Council on items not on the printed agenda and on the printed agenda. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes. The Council may not comment or deliberate regarding such statements or comments during this period. Any discussion of the subjects must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a future meeting. Sec. 551.042 of Open Meetings Act). No citizens present.*

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Items are considered to be routine and will be enacted in one motion, without discussion, unless a Council Member requests a specific item be discussed and voted on separately.

- a. Approval of Minutes for the July 18th Regular Meetings.
- b. Accounts Payable/Approval of Bills.

Motion by Jimmy Counts and seconded by Hannah Avants to approve Minutes for the July 18th Regular Meeting and the approval of paying bills. All in favor. Motion Carried.

11. Discuss/Consider/Act on Approving and Ratifying a Minor Plat for Lot 9R, Block 4, Chico Estates, being Lots 9 and 10, Block 4, Chico Estates (an unrecorded Subdivision) and also being a 0.804-acre tract situated in the G.W. Cash Survey, Abstract Number 1424, In the City of Chico, Wise County, Texas, generally bound by El Camino Real on the North, Park Road on the South, Coronado Drive on the East, and Tabor Lane on the West.

Pat Dillon, "The exact address is 300 Coronado St. The reason why we are having the City Council instead of the P&Z is because there are no additional services, just a minor plat. So, we just need to authorize the P&Z chairman and the Mayor to ratify and execute this plat. Or if you have questions, we'll try to answer those. Jimmy Counts, "Mayor, explain that to me." Mayor Colleen Self, "This is a new manufactured home that is replacing the old one,

and because of the new law we had to allow the new manufactured home to be moved in and the lot had never been platted, so it had to also be platted before it could be moved in. The city attorney told the council that the Texas Legislature had passed a new bill that would allow residents to replace an old mobile home with a new manufactured home one time, but never supported this with documentation. The Mayor and Alderman Gunstanson has asked to see the supporting documentation.

Jimmy Counts commented that just for the record, I would like for the Council to see what we can do and what we can't do in the future. I would like it to be more defined.

Motion by Ronnie McGuire and seconded by Hannah Avants to approve and ratify a minor plat for 300 Coronado St. All in favor. Motion Carried.

12. Discuss/Consider/Act on Moving of Buildings Permit received from Kevin Boydston related to 300 Coronado Drive.

Motion by Jimmy Counts and seconded by Jack Souther to approve the moving permit contingent on staff getting all necessary paperwork. All in favor. Motion Carried.

13. Discuss/Consider/Act on any and all matters relating to the **Chico Volunteer Fire Department**.

- c. Purchase of Vehicle(s), Equipment, or Gear, or Renewal of Loans or Leases.
- d. Authorize Filing of Grant Application(s) for Vehicle(s), Equipment, or Gear.
- e. Authorize For Sale or Trade Vehicle(s), Equipment, or Gear.

Motion by Hannah Avants and seconded by Jamie Gunstanson to table all matters relating to items 13. a. b. & c. All in favor. Motion Carried.

14. Discuss/Consider/Act on any and all matters relating to the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan.

No action taken.

15. Discussion of Information Reports – **No Action:**

a. Police – Galen Wiley current City of Chico Chief of Police presented a letter of resignation. He made a recommendation for his replacement.

b. Fire Department

c. Director of Public Works

e. Streets Coordinator

g. Animal Control Officer

i. Mayor

d. Water & Sewer Operations

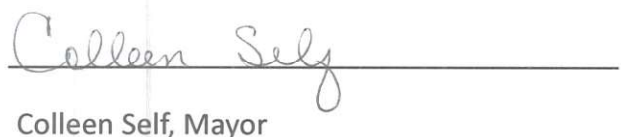
f. Code Enforcement Officer/Building Inspector

h. City Administration Report(s)

16. Adjourn Meeting. Motion by Hannah Avants and seconded by Jack Souther to adjourn meeting at 8:28 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.



Rhonda Richey, City Secretary



Colleen Self, Mayor