CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Council Meeting – 6:30 PM
CENTER POINT CITY HALL
MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation
Mayor Bobby Scott

C. Pledge Of Allegiance to the Flag

D. Roll Call
Councilor Ebonee Copeland, Councilor Tiffany Moore, Councilor Sharon Jones, Councilor Glen Williams and Council President DM Collins

E. Public Comment

F. Approval of Agenda
Council President Collins presented the amended agenda for consideration. Councilor Moore made a motion to adopt the agenda. Councilor Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the amended agenda was adopted unanimously.

G. Approval of Minutes
Councilor Moore made a motion to approve the May 2nd & May 28, 2024, meeting minutes Councilor Jones seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

G.1 May 2 & May 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

H. Consent Agenda

H.1 Resolution 2024-40 Surplus Library items

H.2 Community Grant for Senior Center

I. Presentation

Mayor Scott yielded the floor to his department heads to present to the council.

Keith Evans, Code Enforcement Manager, requested that the council consider amending the Pitbull ordinance because all pit bulls are not vicious. He suggested that the council instead require registration of the dogs.

Antonio Weatherly, Public Safety Director, suggested that the council consider amending the Fireworks ordinance to allow the popping of fireworks at a specific time to minimize the number of calls regarding fireworks. He also requested Push To Talk radio system for his department and updated the council on the increase number of HUD housing in the area.

Cara Wilhem, Library Director, reported the Summer Reading program has begun and the June calendar events have been published.

Shameika Coleman, Senior Center Director, invited the council to attend the Father's Day event at the Senior Center and passed out the June calendar of events.

Mark Self, Public Works Director, reported that his department is filling up potholes and cutting grass right aways.

Jennifer Deason, inspections department, reported that the habitat home has started pouring and permitting and inspection fees are down from last year.

Octavious Pierce, Horticulture Operations Manager, reported that the Senior Center and City Hall planting are completed, and they are busy with the debris program and abated properties.

J. Discussion/Action

J.1. Consider requests from Center Point High School
Dr. Brown, Center Point Highschool Principal, touted the graduation rates, increase attendance numbers, academic achievement and the improving grade on the report card from the state board of education. He is requesting an increase in his supplement to $12,000 with a yearly $1,000 increase. Councilor Moore expressed some concerns to Dr. Brown. Councilor Collins thanked Dr Brown and said that they would consider his request during budget planning for the next fiscal year. No action was taken on this item.

Councilor Moore made a motion for unanimous consent to consider Center Point Highschool Future Business Leaders of America students and advisor request for $6,549 to compete in FBLA's National Competition. Council President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Jones, Copeland and Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously

Councilor Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-42 for Center Point Highschool Future Business Leaders of America students and advisor request for $6,549 to compete in FBLA's National Competition. Council President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Jones, Copeland and Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously

J.2. Resolution No. 2024-41 Community Garden
Mayor Scott selected the community center as the location of the site for the community garden and passed out information of the cost to establish the garden. Councilor Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-41 to authorize a community garden at the community center. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Jones, Copeland and Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously

J.3. Amending Fireworks Ordinance
Councilor Moore made a motion to consider amending the fireworks ordinance. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

Councilor Jones made a motion to amend with restrictions of the sale of fireworks to only July1-July 15th. Councilor Moore and Councilor Williams seconded. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Jones, Copeland

No: Collins
The motion passed with majority.
Mayor Scott stated the council needs to decide how many businesses will be allowed to operate.

J.4. Award Economic Development Grant to JW Package Store.
Councilor Moore made a motion to consider awarding the Economic Development Grant to JW Package stores, Councilor Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Copeland and Collins

No: None
Councilor Jones had to leave the meeting
The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Moore made a motion to approve awarding the Economic Development Grant to JW Package store. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Copeland and Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

J.5. Ordinance 2024-2 Establishing Council Bylaws
Councilor Moore made a motion to consider Ordinance 2024-2. Councilor Copeland seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore and Copeland

No: Williams and Collins
The motion failed.

J.6. Resolution No. 2024-38 Travel Advance
Councilor Moore made a motion to consider Resolution No. 2024-38 Travel Advance. Councilor Williams seconded the motion.
Councilor Collins questioned the mileage advance when department heads have city vehicles. The resolution was amended to remove mileage advancement for department heads that have city vehicles.
Councilor Moore made a motion to approve the amended Resolution

No. 2024-38 Travel Advance. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

J.6. Animal Control Contract

Councilor Moore made a motion to discuss the Animal Control Contract. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, the motion was adopted unanimously. Councilor Moore made a motion to approve the Animal Control Contract. Councilor Williams seconded the motion. President Collins called for a roll call vote:
Yes: Moore, Williams, Copeland and Collins

No: None
The motion passed unanimously.

J.7. Appoint Board of Equalization Member
Council nominated Rhonda Lambert

J.8. Consider waiving the nuisance abatement fee for 401 19th Terrace NE Mayor Scott stated the new owner of this property is requesting the council to waive the abatement fees of $4373.95 to help offset the cost of rehabbing the property. No motion made.

K. Reports-Mayor & Committee Chairs

K.1. Economic Development/Public Safety- President D. M. Collins
No Report

K.2. Park & Recreation- Councilman Glenn Williams, Sr.
No Report

K.3. Public Works- Councilwoman Tiffany Moore
No Report

K.4. Education & Library- Councilwoman Sharon Jones
No Report

K.5. Finance Report- Councilwoman Ebonee Copeland, Chair
No Report

L. Adjournment

Debbie Wagner, Acting City Clerk

Approved:

D. M. Collins, President

Date: 6/21/24