

CITY OF CROSS PLAINS

CITY COUNCIL BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2025

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This was a ***Regular Meeting*** of the Cross Plains City Council, Members of the council present were: Mayor Gary Moses, Darvel Hutchins, Homer Parson, Polly Beeler and Blake Cohorst. Randy Strickland was absent.

Employees present was Debbie Gosnell, City Admin., Kerry Mann, Asst. City Admin, Don Gosnell, Municipal Judge, City Secretary Teresa Kennedy, & Shannon Spate.

Members of the public meeting with the council was Shana & Dustin Hinyard,

Moses called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

There were no citizen comments.

Hutchins moved to accept the minutes as presented. Parson seconded and motion carried.

Parson moved to accept the bills paid as presented. Hutchins seconded and motion carried.

Hutchins moved to appoint Blake Cohorts to fill out the term of Don Bryant until the next regular election on May 3, 2025. Parson seconded, motion carried.

Shana & Dustin Hinyard met with the council to discuss the possibility of closing a portion of Avenue C, between SE 6th Street and SE 7th Street, as well as closing SE 7th Street. Parson moved to close the portions of the noted streets with the understanding that Hinyard would be responsible for all of the legal fees to accomplish the task as well as the recording of the deeds. Hutchins seconded, motion carried.

Gosnell presented an agreement she received from Messer Law Firm to prepare and make a presentation to the City Council on the subject of the legal remedies that are available for the City to pursue beyond a municipal court citation. The presentation will focus primarily on existing and past violations of the City's health and safety ordinance and what other legal options the City can take to remedy those violations in addition to the usual court citation and fine process. The agreement outlined the scope of work to be performed along with estimated costs should the council decide to move forward with any type of cleanup. The presentation itself would cost \$2,000.00 and would take place after March. Cohorst moved to enter into the agreement with Messer Law Firm, Parson seconded, and motion carried.

Gosnell advised the council that Food Plaza has approached the City again to purchase the approximate 13' that part of their improvements have encroached onto City property. Hutchins moved to proceed with the sale and to take bids for the sale. Parson seconded, motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the police department policies that are currently being drawn up. By general consent the council agreed Gary, Blake Kerry and Debbie to review the policies and to bring them to the council for approval.

Gosnell explained that she would like to file an application with the Comptroller's Office to be designated as a "Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community". By general consent the council approved making the application.

Gosnell explained that the Chamber is asking permission to move the Summer Bash from Treadway Park to downtown to better support the downtown businesses. After lengthy discussions, the council asked Gosnell to set up a meeting with the Chamber and the EDC Boards to discuss the topic of why we want to move the event since both the city and the EDC has spent well over \$100,000.00 adding amenities to Treadway Park such as the Bridge, the new Pavilion, new restrooms, sidewalks, electrical outlets, water outlets, a storage building, picnic tables and benches, tables and chairs. The topic was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Turner submitted her monthly Senior Citizen's report as follows. She reported serving a total of 641 congregate meals for the month of December. She also reported that there were 1,177 home delivered meals served, (1,034 for Cross Plains, 143 for May for an average of 91 meals per day. The 143 meals served for the May Senior Citizen for a total value of \$929.50. There was a total of \$45,963.00 in donations received, and \$150.00 in memorials were made.

Gosnell advised the council that Sean Conway will have his right shoulder replaced and will be having a consultation with his surgeon at the end of January. She will update the council as she has more information.

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By general consent the council agreed to take bids for the excess equipment that the city no longer needs including a mini roller, sweeper, bucket truck, fire truck, and a dump truck.

Gosnell reminded the council that signing up for City Council begins January 15th and ends February 14th.

Gosnell advised the council that she and Teresa Kennedy will be attending the Annual Election School on January 23rd & 24th.

Gosnell informed the council that Derek Podlevsky has turned in his resignation effective March 15, 2025. By general consent the council agreed to begin taking applications for the position.

Parson moved to adjourn. Hutchins seconded, motion carried.

Gary Moses, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Debbie Gosnell, Secretary