



# **CITY OF CROSBYTON**

## **CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

### **MARCH 18, 2025**

#### **1. Call the Meeting to Order and Establish a Quorum**

Mayor Dusty Cornelius  
Mayor Pro Tem Brad Thornhill  
Alderman James Parkhill  
Alderman Kevin Fry  
Alderwoman Heidi Hays  
Alderman Abel Reyna  
Alderman Tanner Mitchell

Also present were City Administrator Amy Wallace, City Secretary Tracy Riley, Public Works Director Joseph Lopez, Crosby County Sheriff Corey Nunley, Jane Morris, George Pechacek, Edward Singleterry, Ema Singleterry, Jorge Rodriguez, Jennifer Bartida, and Bryan Guymon, Attorney at Law, Underwood Law Firm, via teleconference.

Mayor Dusty Cornelius called the Public Hearing to order at 6:16 p.m. All were present.

#### **2. Invocation – Mayor Dusty Cornelius gave the invocation.**

#### **3. Public Comment**

Jorge Rodriguez spoke on behalf of Cotton & Honey Café. He stated that what they're asking for is not to rezone, but to be issued a conditional permit, not a special use permit. He stated that this is a beautiful community and it is time for it to change. The people of the community deserve good food and good businesses. He stated they are asking for a conditional use permit which coincides with the licenses/permits from the state, which they have. He stated they are just asking to work with the city in getting a conditional use permit. Eddie Singleterry stated that he and his wife received a letter because they live near 541 S. Ayrshire, where Cotton & Honey Café was operating. He stated that they enjoy having someplace local to go to have lunch after church and that the location does not create a problem for them. He spoke of a similar situation that was happening in Post, TX. He mentioned a previous business, a beauty shop, on S. Ayrshire that never created a problem. He is in favor for giving Cotton & Honey Café a chance to help build the community. He is worried that Crosbyton is turning into a ghost town and that if we don't give businesses an opportunity to come here, all we'll have left is farmers. He mention Crosbyton Clinic Hospital and it's slow decline over the last few years. Ema Singleterry spoke in favor of Cotton & Honey Café. She said that we have to give these businesses an opportunity to grow and the way we've treated them isn't the way to do it. She mentioned that Mr. Rodriguez's wife is an excellent chef and she doesn't cook regular Mexican food. She said they came from California and are just trying to make people happy with their food. She asked that we use our hearts instead of what's in front of us on paper moving forward. She said that the young people are already moving out of Crosbyton and our population is getting smaller and smaller and if we don't give new people the chance to come to our town and try to make it better, it will disappear and she doesn't want to see that happen. She asked to please give Cotton & Honey Café a chance. Bryan Guymon, Attorney at Law with Underwood Law Firm (via teleconference), explained that the zoning ordinance would need to be completely amended in order to include spot zoning. He also stated that a conditional use permit and a special use permit were the same thing. He stated that with the way the ordinance is written, there is no legal way forward for the council in this instance. He mentioned that if the council wants to amend the ordinance to include restaurants in the special use process, that it would take some time, more than likely two to three months, at least. Sheriff Corey Nunley spoke to the council about a vehicle that they are considering purchasing from the Crosby County Sheriff's Department. He also spoke about the county Safety Meeting that was held the week prior. He mentioned that all City and ISD leadership from the county were invited

and that the City of Lorenzo and Lorenzo ISD were all present, the City of Crosbyton was represented by the City Administrator, City Mayor, CVFD Fire Chief, and the Crosbyton Police Department, and that one city/ISD had no representation. He thanked everyone for coming to the Safety Meeting.

#### **4. PUBLIC HEARING-6:15 p.m.**

**A. Public Hearing on Zoning Variance Request Located at 541 S. Ayrshire (6:15 p.m.)**

**B. Public Hearing on City of Crosbyton and CCPMM FY 2025/2026 Budgets (6:45 p.m.)**

#### **Close Public Hearing and open Regular Meeting at 7:01 p.m.**

#### **5. Consent Agenda**

All consent items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion and vote unless a Council Member requests that an Item be removed from Consent Agenda and considered separately.

- A. Approval of the February 18, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the February Account Payables Excluding D&H Spraying and Landscape and Fiber Wave Payables
- C. Resolution 03-2025 Designating Crosby County News as the Official Newspaper of the City of Crosbyton for the 2025/2026 Fiscal Year
- D. Joint Election Agreement Between City of Crosbyton and Crosbyton ISD for May 3, 2025 Election
- E. Approve Change Order for Lift Station Project-Electrical Phase Converter \$11,750.00

Alderman Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve all consent items as presented with the exception of Item 5E. Alderman James Parkhill seconded the motion. VOTE: 6-0, motion passed. Alderwoman Heidi Hays made a motion to deny Item 5E, Change Order for Lift Station Project-Electrical Phase Converter for \$11,750.00. Alderman Abel Reyna seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

#### **6. Business**

**Discuss, Consider, and Possibly Take Action Regarding:**

- A. D&H Spraying and Landscape and Fiber Wave February Account Payables

Alderman Abel Reyna made a motion to approve the February D&H Spraying and Landscape and Fiber Wave Account Payables. Alderman Tanner Mitchell seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

- B. Zoning Variance Request-Lots 23-27(S3), Block 105, East Addition-541 S. Ayrshire, Currently a One Family Dwelling (F-1), Request to be Utilized as Retail Business and Service Establishment (RS)

Alderman Tanner Mitchell made a motion to deny the Zoning Variance Request located at 541 S. Ayrshire due to no legal basis to grant it within the Code of Ordinances. Alderman Kevin Fry seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

- C. Ordinance 03-2025 Amending the budget of the City of Crosbyton, Texas for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2024, Through March 31, 2025

Alderman Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-2025 Amending the budget of the City of Crosbyton, Texas for the Fiscal Year April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Alderman Abel Reyna seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

D. Ordinance 03-2025-01 Adopting the Annual Budget of the City of Crosbyton, Texas, and Crosby County Pioneer Museum for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Alderman Tanner Mitchell made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-2025-01 Adopting the Annual Budget of The City of Crosbyton, Texas and Crosby County Pioneer Museum for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. Alderman James Parkhill seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

E. Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Ward One and Ward Three in May 3, 2025 General City Election

The Certification of Unopposed Candidates for Ward One and Ward Three in the May 3, 2025 General City Election was presented to the council by City Secretary Tracy Riley.

F. Ordinance 03-2025-02 Declaring Unopposed Candidates in the May 3, 2025 General City Election, Elected to Office, Canceling the Election; Providing a Severability Clause; and Providing an Effective Date

Alderman Heidi Hays made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-2025-02 Declaring Unopposed Candidates in May 3, 2025 General City Election, Elected to Office, Canceling the Election; Providing a Severability Clause; And Providing and Effective Date. Alderman Abel Reyna seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

G. Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternates

Alderman Heidi Hays made a motion to approve the Order of Appointment for Election Judges and Alternates. Alderman Kevin Fry seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

H. Caprock Waste Contract and Increase in Pricing of Services

No action.

I. Resolution 03-2025-01 Amending the City's Personnel Policy-Work Week, Pay Schedule, Hours-Section 5.02-Wage Delivery-Providing a Severability Clause, and Establishing an Effective Date

Alderman Heidi Hays made a motion to approve Resolution 03-2025-01 Amending the City's Personnel Policy-Work Week, Pay Schedule, Hours-Section 5.02-Wage Delivery-Providing a Severability Clause, and Establishing an Effective Date. Alderman Kevin Fry seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

J. Purchase of 2018 Police Equipped Ford Explorer in the amount of \$6500.00

Alderman Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve the purchase of 2018 Police Equipped Ford Explorer in the Amount of up to \$6500.00, contingent on a mechanic's report. Alderman Kevin Fry seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in Favor, motion carried.

K. Approve Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum Board Member Appointments Corey Nunley, Kitty McDowell, and Toni Bland for a Two-Year Term to Expire March 2027 and George Brakebill as a Lifetime Member

Alderman Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve Crosby County Pioneer Memorial Museum Board Appointments Corey Nunley, Kitty McDowell, and Toni Bland for a Two-year Term to Expire March 2027 and George Brakebill As a Lifetime Member. Alderman James Parkhill seconded. VOTE: 6-0 in favor, motion carried.

## **7. Monthly Departmental Reports**

Informational reports only; no action to be taken.

A. Police Report

- B. Public Works Report
- C. City Administrator Report

Mayor Dusty Cornelius called the council into executive session at 9:01 p.m. in accordance with TX Gov't Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee and reconvened into open session at 9:18 p.m.

## **8. Executive Session**

- A. Chief of Police (Personnel Matters 551.074)

No action taken.

## **9. Adjourn**

With no further business before the council, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

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Tracy Riley, City Secretary