

## **Regular Council Meeting July 21, 2020**

Mayor Dusty Cornelius called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following council members present: Brad Thornhill, Alva Rodriguez, Doyle Parrish, Heidi Hays, Abel Reyna, and Jim Justus. Also present were City Administrator Margot Hardin, City Secretary Amy Wallace, Public Works Director Chase Longo, and Jonathon Farley.

**Approve June 16, 2020 Minutes:** Abel Reyna made a motion to approve the June 16, 2020 minutes. Heidi Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve July 2, 2020 Called Meeting Minutes:** Doyle Parrish made a motion to approve the July 2, 2020 minutes. Brad Thornhill seconded the motion with correction. Motion carried.

**Approve July 16, Called Meeting Minutes:** Abel Reyna made a motion to approve the July 16, 2020 minutes. Doyle Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve June Accounts Payable:** Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve the June Accounts Payable, excluding the D & H Spraying and Landscape and Jim's Service Center Accounts Payables. Abel Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve June D & H Spraying and Landscape Accounts Payable:** Jim Justus made a motion to approve the June D & H Spraying and Landscape Accounts Payable. Heidi Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Approve June Jim's Service Center Accounts Payable:** Doyle Parrish made a motion to approve the June Jim's Service Center Accounts Payable. Brad Thornhill seconded the motion. Brad Thornhill, Alva Rodriguez, Doyle Parrish, Heidi Hays, and Abel Reyna voted for the motion. Jim Justus abstained. Motion carried (5-0).

**Public Forum:** Council members discussed recent theft occurring in the county.

**Police Report:** Mayor Dusty Cornelius presented the monthly police report.

**Public Works Report:** Public Works Director Chase Longo presented the monthly public works report.

**Municipal Judge:** Brad Thornhill made a motion to approve the hiring of Jan Matthews as the municipal judge at a salary of \$800.00 per month plus mileage at the current IRS standard mileage rate. Abel Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 07-20 Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant:** Doyle Parrish made a motion to approve Resolution 07-20 Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant. Jim Justus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) FY20/21**

**Disaster Number: 2020**

**RESOLUTION 07-20**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CROSBYTON AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR FOR A CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND GRANT (CRF): AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CROSBYTON IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; AND PLEDGING THAT IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED THE CITY OF CROSBYTON WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Emergency Management Division of the Office of the Governor receives Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Crosbyton that the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant be operated for the 20/21 fiscal year; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Crosbyton in the State of Texas is qualified to apply for grant funds under the Request for Applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Emergency Management Division funds, the City Council assures that the funds will be returned to the Emergency Management Division in full.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CROSBYTON, TEXAS;**

1. That the Mayor is authorized to request FY 20/21 grant funding under the Emergency Management Division of the Office of the Governor for the Justice Assistance Grant Program and act on behalf of the City of Crosbyton in all matters related to the grant application and any subsequent grant contract and grant project that may result.
2. That if the project is funded, the City of Crosbyton will comply with the grant requirements
3. The grant funds and any grant-funded equipment will be used only for the purposes for which they are intended under the grant.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by Dusty Cornelius, Mayor in Crosbyton, Texas, on this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

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Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

ATTEST

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Amy Wallace, City Secretary

**Resolution 07-20-01 Amending and Extending Mayor’s Second Declaration of Local Disaster-GA-28 and GA-29:** Heidi Hays made a motion to approve Resolution 07-20-01 Amending and Extending Mayor’s Second Declaration of Local Disaster-GA-28 or GA-29. Doyle Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-20-01**

**ADOPTING GA-28 AND GA-29 AND  
EXTENDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER**

**WHEREAS,** a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been recognized globally as a contagious respiratory virus; and

**WHEREAS,** COVID-19 continues to spread and to pose an increasing, imminent threat of disaster throughout City of Crosbyton and beyond; and

**WHEREAS,** on March 17, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Crosbyton, Dusty Cornelius, declared a local state of disaster for public health emergency pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, based upon the need for extraordinary measures to contain COVID-19 and to prevent its spread throughout the City of Crosbyton with such declaration being extended by Resolutions of the City Council of the City of Crosbyton; and

**WHEREAS,** the Declaration of Local Disaster extended in the latest Resolution of the City Council is set to expire at 11:59 p.m. on July 21, 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** on July 2, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued Executive Order GA-29 and amended Executive Order GA-28, that, among other things, required the wearing of face masks under certain circumstances and further limiting the size of groups who are not part of the immediate household in order to further contain the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas renewed his state-wide disaster proclamation for an additional thirty (30) days, certifying that COVID-19 poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of individuals testing positive for COVID-19 continues to increase in the State of Texas, Crosby County and the City of Crosbyton and due to the issuance of Executive Order GA-28, as amended, and GA-29, and pursuant to Texas Government Code §418.108, the City Council of the City of Crosbyton believes it to be in the best interest of the City and its citizens, in order to protect and preserve the public health, safety and welfare, that additional measures must to taken to further contain COVID-19 and prevent its spread throughout the City of Crosbyton, continue the extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster, and adopt the measures outlined herein;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROSBYTON, TEXAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated as if fully set forth herein.

**SECTION 2.** All terms and conditions of the Governor's Executive Order GA-28, as amended and Executive Order GA-29 are hereby adopted by reference and are incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein. Additionally, the guidelines and recommendations provided by the Governor in conjunction with issuing Executive Orders GA-28 and GA-29, are also adopted, to the extent it does not conflict with this Resolution, and all businesses, religious institutions and citizens are encouraged to review and follow said guidelines. Copies of Executive Orders GA-28, as amended and GA-29 are attached hereto and incorporated herein as though set forth fully herein.

**SECTION 3.** The Declaration of Local Disaster for public health emergency for the City of Crosbyton, which was signed and executed by the Mayor on March 17, 2020, in accordance with section 418.108 of the Texas Government Code, as previously renewed and extended by the Mayor and City Council Resolutions, shall remain in full force and effect and are continued to the extent they do not directly conflict with this Resolution.

**SECTION 4.** All outdoor gatherings in excess of ten (10) people are prohibited unless such event has been previously approved by the Mayor, minimum standard health protocols as recommended by Texas Department of State Health Services are followed and they comply with any other restrictions, guidelines or protocols established by the Mayor not inconsistent with GA-28. Such additional restrictions and guidelines that the Mayor may impose include, but are not limited to, implementing additional sanitation and cleaning procedures, requiring social distancing, requiring event organizers to require all participants/spectators/attendees to wear face masks, limiting the number of participants/spectators/attendees at the event and/or additional reporting requirements.

**SECTION 5.** Pursuant to §418.108(c) of the Texas Government Code, this Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary of the City of Crosbyton.

**SECTION 6.** In accordance with Texas Government Code § 418.173, this resolution and order is

being issued in City of Crosbyton's Emergency Management Plan and any person who knowingly or intentionally violates this resolution commits an offense, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.00. However, in accordance with Executive Order GA-29, after first receiving a verbal or written warning for a first-time violator for failing to wear a face covering in violation of Executive Order GA-29, any person failing to wear a face covering in violation of Executive Order GA-29 commits an offense punishable by a fine up to \$250 per violation.

**SECTION 7.** This Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon approval and continue until 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 18, 2020, unless renewed, extended, amended or cancelled by the Mayor or City Council of the City of Crosbyton.

**SECTION 8.** This resolution, pursuant to applicable provisions of Texas Government Code Chapter 418 and Texas Health and Safety Code § 122.005, authorizes the Mayor to take any actions necessary to promote health and suppress the COVID-19 virus, including the quarantine of persons and occupied structures, examining and regulating hospitals, regulating ingress and egress from the City, regulating ingress and egress to occupied structures, establishment of quarantine stations, emergency hospitals and other hospitals, enforcing applicable orders issued by the Crosby County Judge, the Governor of the State of Texas or the Texas Department of State Health Services related to suppressing the COVID-19 virus, activating the emergency management plan for the City of Crosbyton in conjunction with Crosby County and insuring compliance of such actions.

**SECTION 9.** To the extent permitted by law, any local ordinance or administrative rule prescribing the procedures for conduct of City business or any local ordinance or administrative rule that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster, including any local ordinance or administrative rule regarding contracting or procurement which would impede the City's emergency response necessary to cope with this declared disaster, are hereby suspended, but only for the duration of this declared local disaster and only for that limited purpose.

**SECTION 10.** That the Mayor may comport and amend this Resolution and any subsequent order to be consistent with any applicable executive order that may be issued by the Governor of the State of Texas.

**SECTION 11.** That the Mayor is authorized to use all available resources of the City of Crosbyton reasonably necessary to comply with this resolution.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

**CITY OF CROSBYTON**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Amy Wallace, City Secretary

**City of Crosbyton-PMB Sale of Property-227 S. Ayrshire:** Brad Thornhill made a motion to go out for bids on the sale of the property at 227 S. Ayrshire. Abel Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tax Deed-Parcel 90528-Lots 25-35, Blk 65, North Addition:** Heidi Hays made a motion to deny the \$2000.00 bid by Alex Trevino. Alva Rodriguez seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tax Deed-Parcel 10805-Lots 22-28, Blk 66, North Addition:** Doyle Parrish made a motion to approve the \$1900.00 bid by Melissa Fair. Heidi Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tax Deed-Parcel 10564-Lots 3 & 4, Blk 33, OT Crosbyton:** Doyle Parrish made a motion to deny the \$250.00 bid by Aaron Medina. Abel Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Tax Deed-Parcel 10924-Lots 3 & 4, Blk 122, Revised East Addition:** Abel Reyna made a motion to deny the \$407.00 bid by Weldon Davis. Doyle Parrish seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Administrative Report:** City Administrator Margot Hardin updated the council on the status of city projects.

Council adjourned into executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss the City Administrator position. Council returned into open meeting at 8:34 p.m.

**City Administrator Position:** Brad Thornhill made a motion to hire Amy Wallace as City Administrator at \$45,000 annual salary starting September 1, 2020. Abel Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried.

With no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37.

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Dusty Cornelius, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amy Wallace, City Secretary