

Minutes of
Cresson City Council Meeting
March 12, 2024

The City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session during the course of the meeting to seek legal advice from its attorney regarding any item on the posted agenda as authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Mayor Pro Tem Becker called the City Council Meeting of Cresson, Texas to order at 7:00 P.M. on March 12, 2024, at the City Council Chambers. Attendance as follows:

Ron Becker	Lisa Clement	
Jeff Keeney	Gary Robertson	Melanie Athey (absent)

City Attorney Rachel Raggio

Mayor Pro Tem Becker gave the invocation and Councilperson Keeney led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

The meeting is opened to the public.

Citizen's Comments

None.

Mayor's Report and Comments

A. Mayor Pro Tem Becker out of the office. MPT Becker will be out of the office next week for the Texas fire Meeting in Waco, Texas.

B. CVFD add a new position. The CVFD added the position of Operations Chief to help assist the Fire Chief with various duties. Jared Gomez was appointed to the position. He is the grandson of the late Mayor Bob Cornett.

C. Mayor Pro Tem Becker discusses a life saving situation that recently occurred in Cresson. Several weeks ago, there was a situation that necessitated the use of CPR and an AED. Once the CVFD arrived, they used their more sophisticated life pack device and were able to restore the heartbeat and the gentleman is now home from the hospital with little or no neurological damage. The CVFD, using American Recovery Act money, has been able to purchase another such device, so they have one on each side of the railroad tracks.

D. Solar Eclipse. The CVFD is planning for the April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse.

Deliberation Agenda

Prior to discussing the first three agenda items, Mayor Pro Tem gives a background of the park grant. The grant is a matching grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife for \$500,000. The City's match came in the form of the 23.5-acre tract of land donated to the city by Ike Thomas. After Covid, it was much more expensive to build the park and the developer of Cresson Pointe offered to donation certain items

for the park to help deter costs and the ponds in the park were an integral part of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant being built. It has recently been discovered that the grant does not allow for changes to the pond (deepening, stormwater drains, etc.). There are several items to take into consideration which are addressed in the following agenda items.

A. Amend Section 3 of that certain resolution approved on September 10, 2018, authorizing the Mayor Pro Tem to act for the City of Cresson and designate Ron Becker as the City's representative. The current resolution had Mayor Cornett as the authorized representative. Councilperson Robertson makes a motion to designate Mayor Pro Tem Becker as the representative for the TPWD grant. Councilperson Clement seconds the motions. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously.

B. Discuss and take any action deemed necessary concerning Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Grant #48-001165. Mayor Pro Tem Becker has spoken with Gandolf Burrus who manages our TPWD grant, and he has recommended that the city surrender the grant. The city will not be able to complete the park by September 2024 as required. The city can reapply in 3 years for a \$750,000 grant if we choose. Councilperson Clement makes a motion to authorize Mayor Pro Tem Becker to take the steps necessary to surrender the grant to TPWD. Councilperson Keeney seconds the motion. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously.

C. Discuss and consider accepting the offer of Mit-Mar Land LP dated March 6, 2024. Mit-Mar Land LP has given the city a letter of intent to build and maintain a public park, at its sole cost and expense. At a minimum, the park will contain a playground, sports practice fields, hiking/biking trails, restrooms, lighting, parking, and irrigation. Maintenance of the park and the associated ponds will be the sole responsibility of Mit-Mar Land LP (Cresson Pointe) or its designee for a minimum of 20 years. The city has heard from Mr. Ike Thomas that he is on board with surrendering the grant and having Mit-Mar build the public park. Councilperson Keeney makes a motion to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to negotiate regarding the letter of intent and enter into an agreement with Mit-Mar for the development of the park located adjacent to Cresson Pointe.

E. Consider and possibly act on approving the Letter of Engagement with Chris Turner for the FY 2022-2023 Audit. The city already has a contract with Mr. Turner. The council is simply giving permission for Mr. Turner to begin the FY2022-2023 Audit. Councilperson Robertson makes a motion to approve the letter of engagement with Chris Turner. Councilperson Keeney seconds the motion. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously.

F. Consider and possibly act on an amendment to the FY 2023-2024 General Fund Budget. Mayor Pro Tem Becker explains that he is not going to take the mayoral salary and the council is requesting that the remaining fund for FY 2023-2024 be moved into Fire Department Support. Mayor Pro Tem then recuses himself and Councilperson Clement takes over for the discussion and vote. Councilperson Keeney makes a motion to approve the budget amendment. Councilperson Robertson seconds the motion, commenting that anything the city can do to assist the Cresson volunteer Fire Department is beneficial to all Cresson citizens. 3 ayes and 0 nays. Councilperson Becker is not present for the vote. Councilperson Becker returns and takes over the meeting.

G. Appoint Lisa Clement as the City of Cresson's representative to the Hood County Clean Air Coalition. Councilperson Robertson makes a motion to appoint Councilperson Clement as the city's representative to the HCCAC. Councilperson Keeney seconds the motion. 3 ayes, 0 nays, and Councilperson Clement abstains. The motion is passed unanimously.

H. Consider and possibly act on approving the minutes of the city council meeting held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. Councilperson Keeney makes a motion to approve the minutes as written. Councilperson Robertson seconds the motion. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously.

D. Authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute any documents, including, but not limited to a Ground Lease Agreement and a Sewer Service Agreement, contemplated by that Facilities Improvement Agreement between the City of Cresson and Cresson Crossroads LLC dated July 11, 2018, as amended and restated October 12, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Becker requests to adjourn to Executive Session for legal advice from the city attorney. Council adjourns in Executive Session at 7:43 P.M. Council reconvenes at 8:05 P.M. No action taken.

Councilperson Robertson makes a motion to authorize Mayor Pro Tem Becker to proceed forward with MUD #2 and any agreements. Councilperson Keeney seconds the motion. 4 ayes and 0 nays. The motion is passed unanimously.

Adjourn

The meeting is adjourned at 8:09 P.M.



Ron Becker, Mayor Pro Tem



Katy Floyd, City Secretary