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CITY OF COFFEE CITY
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 09, 2022 @ 6 pm
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF AN SPECIAL CALLED MEETIN GOF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COFFEE CITY. TO BE HELD ON **MONDAY, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 PM AT THE COFFEE CITY, CITY HALL, 7019 CR 4217, COFFEE CITY, TEXAS.** FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS. THE CITY COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MEET IN A CLOSED SESSION ON ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD THE NEED ARISE AND APPLICABLE PURSANT TO AUTHORIZATION BY TITLE 5, CHAPTER 551, OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Council Members

Franks Serrato – Mayor – Place 3

Chuck Jones – Place 1 – Place 4

Marquis Castleberry – Place 2 Ray Ver Hey – Place 5

1. Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Frank Serrato called the meeting to order @ 6 PM.
2. Roll Call and Announce if quorum is present: Court Secretary Mary McDonald called roll, Mayor Frank Serrato, Councilman Chuck Jones, Councilman Marquis Castleberry, Councilman Ray Ver Hey were all present, Ms. McDonald announced the Mayor had a quorum.
3. Opening remarks: Mayor Serrato stated there's been changes in the community, he would like to ask the community, the citizens that live in the city limits to encourage to seek an election in the office or as a councilmember or even mayor. As of right now he does not plan to run again, but let's hope things change but for now he would like to encourage the city to come in and see what it's about while he's still here, he'd be more than glad to tell you what to look for and what things and what's going on because it was a shock when he took over with all the stuff what's going on as for as, not what's going on but what's needing to be done as a mayor which is overwhelming but nonetheless we're here and we encourage the community to step forward and be apart of the city as a councilman. Councilman Ray Ver Hey states before they go on to number 4, 5, and 6 if they could go into, call a general special session and discuss some matters and then come back and go through the rest. Mayor Serrato states he doesn't think they can do that. Mrs. GeoJan Hunter-Wright stated yes they could. Councilman Ver Hey stated he thought they could ask anytime for a special session at any time during though. Mayor Serrato states you're saying we can Mrs. GeoJan. Mrs. Wright states yes, it's all in the thing, that the city council has the right to adjourn to an executive session at anything during the course of this meeting to discuss matters listed on the agenda as authorized. Mayor Serrato states okay, that's fine, so before they move on to number 4. Mrs. Wright asks Councilman Ver Hey what category would he do, that's the only thing she thinks they have to state. Councilman Castleberry asks could they be general in that or does it have to be specific. Mayor Serrato and Mrs. Wright both state no, it has to be specific. Councilman Castleberry asks if Councilman Ver Hey wants to state Personnel Matters and list a person. Councilman Ver Hey states that's a good question, we don't have anything on here about personnel matters so I don't know how we could do that about personnel. Councilman Jones states how about tabled items for council members that's what we normally do. Councilman Ver Hey states yeah, we could make a motion and see at fixing this. Mayor Serrato states apparently, she told us, she knows, GeoJan over there. Councilman Castleberry asks so are we also considering acting on compensation for personnel, office personnel. Mayor Serrato states we can not take that into executive session that's why it's out here, normally what we do is state a reason. Councilman Ver Hey asks, Chuck can

you see anything, see something that we could make a motion to do that then. Mayor Serrato states you called it you should know what you're going to do. Councilman Ver Hey states well yeah, I at least thinking didn't know it had to be specific for something on one of our items here. Mayor Serrato states well necessarily, you know, if it's personnel or person not, I mean we talked about Portillo the other day, we didn't get into detail we just said it was about Chief Portillo. Councilman Ver Hey states okay, I would like to make a motion to go into special session then to talk about personnel matters. Mayor Serrato states I have a motion to adjourn to go into special session, do I have a second. Councilman Castleberry second the motion. All in favor of motion. Mayor Serrato states they will go into Executive Session at 6:05 PM. Reconvened from Executive Session at 7:05 PM, no action taken.

4. Consider and Act Upon: 6 (April 11, 2022 Regular council meeting, May 2, 2022 & May 6, 2022 Special called meeting minutes) Mayor Serrato states 11, so 11 is the one you were talking about Chuck. Councilman Jones confirms. Mayor Serrato asks Councilman Jones if he found it. Councilman Jones states sure and he was making sure everybody was ready. Councilman Ver Hey asks would they like to make a correction on number 10 right now. Mayor Serrato states prior to approving the minutes, it was brought to my attention that a councilmember would like to change the wording on number 10 for May 11, 2022 council meeting. Councilmen Jones and Castleberry corrected the date stated to April 11, 2022. Mayor Serrato stated April 11, 2022 council meeting item number 10 and make your motion. Councilman Jones makes a motion to consider and act upon item number 4 with the exception of line item 10 on the April 11 meeting, consider and act upon the resignation of the mayor's police commission being held by the Coffee City Police Department to read the removal of the mayor's police commission by the Coffee City Police Department. Councilman Castleberry second the motion. All in favor of motion.
5. Consider and Act Upon: 7 (City Financials for February, March & April) Councilman Ver Hey asks, do you know who we ask, since we don't have a City Secretary, who do we ask about the septic maintenance in February. Mayor Serrato states Ms. Mary. Councilman Ver Hey asks do you know why we have, what that bill is for, for the septic during February, is that a one-time bill of some sort. Ms. Mary McDonald confirms it was a one-time thing, it was the motor for the aerobics system down at the community center. Councilman Ver Hey then asks what was the continuing education and travel is \$2,500.00 for Marc, what was that for. Mayor Serrato asks where are you at. Councilman Ver Hey states I'm looking at it over by the box. Ms. McDonald states \$2,400.00 of that is the QuickBooks class and \$100.00 was a class Nanette took. Councilman Ver Hey asks and how many people went to that QuickBooks class for that price. Mayor Serrato stated five (5) wasn't it. Ms. McDonald confirmed five (5), yes. Councilman Ver Hey asks, so five (5) people went to that. Ms. McDonald confirms correct. Councilman Ver Hey asks who were the 5 that went, do you recall. Ms. McDonald states that would be myself, Nanette, Tina Baker that was here with the court, Chris Moore, and Marquis Castleberry. Fire Chief Chris Moore states the Fire Department reimbursed for him. Ms. McDonald confirmed. Councilman Ver Hey states okay. Mayor Serrato asks are there any questions gentlemen. Councilman Ver Hey states and the police department expenses under April, all these different charges that total up to \$3,900.00 is that all for, shows a whole bunch of vehicles were they for repairs or is that all for getting the equipment put on there or you know just a breakdown of kind of what different things or was there some repairs in the vehicles or motors or transmissions or what all this is. Ms. McDonald states the top three (3) are going to be to install the new equipment, the other ones it could be oil change, I don't have it all memorized but it would be for repairs, that's not including fuel. Councilman Ver Hey states thank you. Mayor Serrato asks if anyone has a motion. Councilman Jones makes a motion to approved item number 5 City Financials for February, March, and April. Mayor Serrato states he has a motion by Mr. Chuck, one second gentlemen, number six (6) approve meeting minutes May 2, 2022 and May 6th is was all written in one, that's how it was written prior to her taking over and number seven (7) approve city financials March, February, March, and April. Okay I got a motion by Mr. Chuck, do I have a second. Councilman Castleberry asks, so are we approving both five (5) and six (6). Mayor Serrato states yeah, they were all written on four (4) so basically those were all in one, but they are really separate. I have a motion by Mr. Chuck, do I have a second. Councilman Ver Hey asks so we are approving number four (4), five (5), and six (6) all at once. Mayor Serrato states yes, they were all the same they were just written on number four (4), if you noticed number four (4) is just written out as five (5) and six (6). Councilman Jones states four (4) and five (5) are consider and act and six (6) and seven (7) is approve. Councilman Castleberry states, and we went through Februarys. Mayor Serrato states the City Financials are at five (5), the special called meetings are at six (6) and the financials are number seven (7). Mayor Serrato states again he has a motion by Mr. Chuck. Councilman Castleberry seconds the motion. All in favor of motion.
6. Approve: April Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2022 & May 6, 2022 Special council meeting minutes Mayor Serrato states again he has a motion by Mr. Chuck. Councilman Castleberry seconds the motion. All in favor of motion.
7. Approve: City Financials – February, March & April Mayor Serrato states again he has a motion by Mr. Chuck. Councilman Castleberry seconds the motion. All in favor of motion.
8. Consider and Act Upon: The purchase of a Cell phone for the City to use as a recovery number. Mayor Serrato states I'm not quite sure why we over looked this, myself and previous administration, when we have someone here they use their personal phone for recovery, which I myself don't do that, but now we can't get some we have trouble getting on our last employee awhile back, last year or so, we couldn't get the passwords changed because it was to their

cell phone so after talking to Mary and Alisha, Mrs. Tobey, she's been filling in as far as secretary duties, that it would be a good idea to have a city cell phone for, of course to stay here, so we know that's where all the recovery passwords or anything are going to go to so if someone leaves or you know for whatever reason at least it's here, all of them would come to one cell phone. Councilman Castleberry asks where as individual cell phones. Mayor Serrato confirms. Councilman Ver Hey states so what is the difference in doing that versus having it all go to one particular computer, to an email. Mayor Serrato states well you know when they send you a PIN to your phone to know that it's you, that's why we need a cell phone. Councilman Ver Hey states I'm not sure every place, I didn't think everyone, I don't think they require everyone must have a phone in order to do that. If they can't send it to a phone, can they not send it to an email or something else it's typically, I don't know if we have to get a cell phone for that just to have here sitting here all the time. Doesn't anybody know what it's going to cost monthly to just have a phone sit here for nothing. Mayor Serrato states even if it costs more money, we just had to go pay the internet guy to come in here and jailbreak this stuff. So we're going to pay him a few hundred dollars or we can have one we pay every month. The judge got one for \$100.00, so we'll look into that, but anybody know, anyone know about the recovery than I do to explain it to Ray better than I can because I thought it was pretty self-explanatory but I mean whenever you sign up for something they ask you for in case you need to recover that's all I know, that's what I saw. Councilman Ver Hey states they usually ask if you want to email or a phone number typically, you can give different options. You can go to any type of email. I just don't know if we need to have another phone just sit here for a bill. I don't know what it costs, there's no number or nothing, no one's saying how much it will cost. Councilman Castleberry asks, so what's the advantage of having a cell phone as opposed to a computer set up for that. Mayor Serrato states that's not, I don't know about the computer, if it works that way, I know it works on the phone. Mrs. Alisha Tobey states, there are some websites that require the PIN to go to a phone instead, and we can't set it up on a landline because it's a text that comes in and they won't do emails for those. There were a couple that I encountered that I couldn't change any of the information on there, it's all sent to Nanette's cell phone, her personal phone, that I couldn't change anything on it until... I don't want to set it to my cell phone because if I leave in the future ya'll would be in the same position. It just makes more sense for the city itself to have a cell phone so that any recovery... Councilman Castleberry states, as opposed to a computer, being set up on a computer. Mrs. Tobey states, you set it up on a computer but there are some websites that you are required to have a phone for a PIN recovery. Councilman Ver Hey asks, what kind of websites are we talking about, like give us an example of which ones that won't, that require you to have a phone, what types of things is it that we're trying to get in to. Mrs. Tobey states, it's for some of the accounts on the city, I don't have my list with me I can't remember which ones they were. There was a couple that I could not get into to change anything. Someone states, I will say this, QuickBooks will do that to you. With my bookkeepers working in my office and she can't get into QuickBooks because it's locking her out, they'll send me a code to my phone and I then quickly call her within a certain timeframe to give her that code because they will not email it, it has to go if you get locked out it has to go through a different source, so that's one example that I know of. Councilman Ver Hey states, and I could be wrong but typically when you're locked out don't they usually re-open the thing usually within so many hours, twenty-four (24) hours, twelve (12) hours, something so you can get back in again. Mrs. Tobey states, it's not trying to get into it like to log in, it's to change any of the information on there, be it, the phone itself or the email address or the person's name on there, you have to have a PIN code. It's like a second recovery, it's just to make sure you are who you are. I don't know why they require it so intently on a couple of these websites but they do and they're accounts the city does have to use for certain things. Councilman Ver Hey states, I just want to know what it's going to cost before we say yes. Mayor Serrato states, okay, Ms. Mary can we look into that. Ms. McDonald states, I can look into it. Councilman Ver Hey states, so I say we can table it, getting more information with how much it will cost just to have a phone sit there. Mayor Serrato asks if he made a motion already, is that what you want to do. Councilman Ver Hey states, yes. Mayor Serrato states, motion by Mr. Ray to table it until we find out how much it costs, that was it right. Councilman Jones seconds the motion. All in favor of motion.

9. Consider and Act Upon: Accepting a bid for tree cutting with in the City. Mayor Serrato states, there's one sorry there's three (3) that I got. Councilman Castleberry states, can I ask a question in regards to this. Mayor Serrato states, go for it. Councilman Castleberry states, were all three (3) of these bids on the same job, for the same complete job. Mayor Serrato states, yes, well, actually when we drove around, we noticed we had missed a tree so if you see a couple tree differences it's because I remembered one (1) further into 4221, it's one of the last ones. Like I drove out, they came Sunday and Mother's Day and they came whenever they came the other day and we drove around. Councilman Castleberry states, where's the envelope for this. Mayor Serrato states, that one didn't have an envelope. So the more I drove, the more I saw. Councilman Ver Hey asks, do we know if any of these people are qualified. Mayor Serrato states, yes sir, actually the one that Mr. Castleberry has in his hand is, I think it's Chavez right there, he's bonded. The other one when I asked him, he said he was and then come to realize it expired so, that one isn't, that one you've got in your other hand, but he had already given it to me so. Councilman Ver Hey asks, is this covering all of the trees in the city that needs to be done at this time. Mayor Serrato confirms, yes sir, that's the one that's not bonded Chuck. Councilman Jones states, I would like to ask the Fire Chief about his tree quote that he got for us. Fire Chief Chris Moore states, talked to the mayor last week, I'm not discussing trees with ya'll, I don't do trees. If ya'll want any questions you'll have to ask him. Mayor Serrato states, if you seen the bid that came in last time, that one that Fire Chief brought in awhile back, it said, give me fifty (50) hours at four-hundred something dollars (\$400.00) and I'll do this. It never said what he was going to do, it just said pay me two (2) with this "x" amount of dollars, three (3) people it's "x" amount of dollars and it had no number of trees other than I'll do it in a hundred (100) hours. Councilman Castleberry asks, what was the final quote of the bid. Mayor Serrato states, twenty-something thousand (\$20,000), twenty-seven (27) maybe, twenty-six (26).

Councilman Ver Hey asks, and do we have money in the city set aside to pay this, the bids. Councilman Jones states, road funds. Councilman Ver Hey states, road funds we have, do we have a grant to cover it. Mayor Serrato states, we have it to cover. Councilman Jones states, that's what I got, two-sixty-two (262) an hour for a four (4) man crew, fifty (50) hours. That's for a lift truck and a chipper. Mayor Serrato states, that tells us what equipment he has, we don't care what equipment he has, we want to know how many trees he's going to trim. Councilman Jones states, the best as you can get in fifty (50) hours. Mayor Serrato states, I can do two (2) in fifty (50) hours pay me two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) an hour. Councilman Jones states, with a four (4) man crew. Mayor Serrato states, I mean, I don't think he's going to work anyways because someone that says give me two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) plus or four-hundred (400) an hour. I got it I got the same one. Councilman Castleberry states, right at thirteen-thousand (13,000). Councilman Jones states, thirteen-thousand (13,000). Councilman Castleberry states, okay so what do we want to do. Councilman Ver Hey states, consider and act upon. Well unless the third guy can get bonded, I don't think we should use him because it's just too much liability. Councilman Castleberry asks, this one's bonded. Mayor Serrato states, yes, sir. Councilman Jones asks, this one's not right. Councilman Ver Hey confirms, that one's not. Mayor Serrato states, that one's not. Originally, he said yes, but when he came back, he called me back he said it's already expired. Councilman Ver Hey states, unless he can get bonded. Mayor Serrato states, yeah, I'm gonna go with, nah we don't have time to wait those trees are falling and falling. Councilman Castleberry states, and this goes with that. Mayor Serrato states, that one goes with this card. Councilman Ver Hey states, let me see this card one more time, is this a professional business. I would say, in my own opinion we go with the other ones because this guy does not, the card says eighteen (18) years' experience, fireplace, remodeling, outdoor kitchen, brick, concrete, block, and stone. Mayor Serrato states, the other card of the Lionel Tree that there's together, it's I forgot to put it in there or I forgot to, you know, bring it because he gave it to me so their together. He's actually a tree company which the paperwork's there. Councilman Ver Hey asks, so he a tree, he does have experience in doing all this and this. Mayor Serrato confirms, yes. Councilman Castleberry states, and that's how much difference in the two (2). Councilman Ver Hey states, about six-thousand (6,000). Mayor Serrato states, they gave me the bonding paperwork, whatever that insurance is. I'll drop his card off in ya'll's box tomorrow and the paperwork for the insurance. That one you've got in your hands from Austin area, he's the one that cut trees down there at my sister-in-law's, when I was down there helping. I did a lot of trees, took a couple two (2) three (3) down and but there was one (1) or two (2) close to the house I couldn't get. Councilman Jones states, is that this one. Mayor Serrato states, yeah, that's how I met him. Councilman Jones asks, do you need to see that again. Councilman Ver Hey states, no. Mayor Serrato states, yeah, I've seen all the paperwork for this guy and of course this guy. Do we have a motion or something? Councilman Castleberry asks, so we need to make a motion on one of them or just. Councilman Jones states, prefer, it's just those two. Mayor Serrato states, I've called a lot of people here and people cutting, they don't respond, they don't come back. Councilman Ver Hey asks, the one guy, where's he out of, do you know. Mayor Serrato states, Lollypop, Frankston. Councilman Ver Hey states, I guess I'll make a motion that we accept the bid for cutting the trees within the city limits according to the bid that has been proposed by Juan Chavez. Mayor Serrato states, I have a motion from Mr. Ray, I need a second. Councilman Castleberry states, second. All in favor of motion.

10. Consider and Act Upon: Paying Alisha Tobey, Carolina Martinez, Frank Serrato & Mary McDonald mileage for conducting City Business with a log being kept for documentation. Mayor Serrato states, I can just tell you right now, there's only one trip I need to make. They wouldn't accept it over the phone because I didn't have the PIN. When this was originally brought up, I would've hoped that Nanette put Mary on there because Mary is the one that takes the Court deposits which is the court and Carolina, Ms. Carolina Martinez is new and she's not has not got to that part yet as far as working but there might be a time when Mary's needed more here than taking the deposit which that is where Ms. Carolina comes in. And then right now that Mrs. Tobey is filling in and hopefully, she will continue on, she will need to go as well. And the one that is more experienced in taking care of the office is Ms. Mary and we can't very well send her out every time, we need her here more than out there. Councilman Castleberry states, so in considering this is there a way that one could do everything, I mean, we would agree that the others had to then we would pay them mileage, but on most occasions could one take care of everything. Mayor Serrato states, well with all volume coming through here and the high-volume traffic and after court dates there's a lot going on that we would hate to have Mary leave. Councilman Castleberry states, yeah but what I'm saying would it be more feasible with something had to be taken. Mayor Serrato states, well yeah, we're trying to keep it on one person, that's what they are going to work on, that's just a backup and we'll go from there. Councilman Ver Hey asks, how much. Mayor Serrato asks, sir? Councilman Ver Hey asks, how much, it doesn't say how much we're paying. Mayor Serrato states, well I was going to go with whatever we had. Councilman Castleberry states, eighty-eight cents (\$0.88) a mile. Councilman Ver Hey states, well it's not stated here so is that what we're looking at, eighty-eight cents (\$0.88) a mile. Mayor Serrato states, yeah but I'm going to double check but I'm pretty sure it is. Councilman Jones asks, don't we have that already, like in the handbook? Mayor Serrato states, no sir, yeah it's fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) a mile but no nothing about it in the handbook, yeah I didn't even think about the fifty-eight cents (\$0.58) a mile. Councilman Ver Hey states, I would say that, if we do this, that any of these need to be changed instead of by names, if possible, to positions so it covers any person that takes that position if we're going to approve this and not just by names. Councilman Castleberry asks, so instead of names like City Secretary, Court Clerk, whomever. Councilman Ver Hey confirms, correct, not just by names, and I'm sorry I guess I don't know who's Carolina Martinez and what does she do? Mayor Serrato states, she's right behind you, she's Mary's Assistant Clerk. Councilman Castleberry states, she's the one helping Mary. Councilman Ver Hey states, okay. Councilman Castleberry asks, so can we do that, instead of names, positions? Mayor Serrato states, well that could open up a whole lot of problems, hey you know I'm on the list, how do we know they're not on the list and they're not

approved. And if they are, we can approve later on we'll add names as we go because anybody who walks in here and says I'm taking it into there and we can't go, what are we going to tell them no, after we said anybody, any name. If it's up to me, I would go with this and add names as we go if we need to, but we've never had that problem, everything that was done before was done being mailed. I don't know why all of a sudden it changed to, you know, getting paid but I can see now but it was done that way and most of it was done whenever they were going on lunch, the thing was then, the agreement that was made was, take an extra fifteen (15) minutes since you're going to go do the deposits and that seemed to be working fine and then it didn't work out that way. Councilman Ver Hey states, I would like to make a motion that we still table this because we have brought up some discussion last week that we still need to get, consider and do, that we were going to look into other things, options. Mayor states, okay. Councilman Ver Hey states, so, until we get to that other stuff that we discussed in the Special Session I would say we still table this until we figure those out. Mayor Serrato states, well my name's on there for only one item because I have, I don't have the code and they want to see me in person with my ID and I'm not going to go like that, just so you know you'll be paying the bill for as long as my name is on there. It should've been gone a long time ago, but just so you know we're going to have an extra bill. Councilman Ver Hey states, I made a table to motion, I mean, if there's a second then we can come up with something different. Mayor Serrato states, he's making a motion to table it, do I have a second. Councilman Jones states, I'll second it. All in favor of motion.

11. Consider and Act Upon: Appointing GeoJan Wright-Hunter to carry out the term of Council Member, Kevin Swanson, Place 3 Mayor Serrato states, Number eleven (11), we're going to move past that but we're going to review it, Consider and Act Upon appointing GeoJan Wright-Hunter to carry out Kevin Swanson Place Three (3). Mr. Swanson wasn't accepted by the council as far as his resignation so that can't take place. Mrs. GeoJan Wright-Hunter asks, what did you say? Mayor Serrato states, the council didn't approve the resignation so we couldn't move forward with it. Mrs. Wright-Hunter states, the council does not have to accept the resignation, if it was accepted by the City Secretary, it is considered accepted. Mayor Serrato states, well that's what I thought and. Mrs. Wright-Hunter states, that's per TML. Mayor Serrato states, right, anyone wanna. Councilman Ver Hey states, then I misunderstood, I thought we had to either accept it not that it had to be the City Secretary that made it accepted or it had to be a timeline. Councilman Castleberry asks, what was it, eight (8) days or whenever, upon his upon the acceptance. Councilman Ver Hey states, but that's, well, okay. Mrs. GeoJan Wright-Hunter states, my understanding is him turning in his resignation, that he turned it in to the City Secretary, which is, she's an official and the eight (8) days for Kevin has passed. His resignation was turned in, eight (8) days has passed so it's considered accepted. I mean, if ya'll want to delay it that's fine, but you don't have to, that's all I'm saying. Councilman Ver Hey states, I would like to make a motion that we table this currently. Mayor Serrato states, well that would be eleven (11) and twelve (12) right, let me read twelve (12) first. Consider and act upon appointing Cecil Parker to carry out the term of Council Member Riley Standifer, Place 4, and you're making a motion to table these two (2) items. Councilman Ver Hey asks, is Mr. Parker here tonight. Mayor Serrato states, no I told him not to come since ya'll didn't approve it. Councilman Ver Hey states, since we didn't, okay, then yes, I would like to table both those currently. Councilman Jones states, I second. Mayor Serrato states, I think it would be a good, a second by Mr. Chuck. All in favor of motion. Mayor Serrato states, I think it would be a good idea to get the documents ready to support why we have to wait or whatever we have to accept. From my understanding, you resign, you resign, but let's just get some supporting documents.
12. Consider and Act Upon: Appointing Cecil Parker to carry out the term of Council Member, Riley Standifer, Place 4 Councilman Ray Ver Hey made a motion to table this item along with item number eleven (11) currently. Councilman Jones second the motion. All in favor of motion.
13. Consider and Act Upon: Amending the original purchase price from the Police Departments Request for the K-9 Insert, to include the additional K-9 Insert purchase and Equipment that was purchased as well. Original Approved Amount \$4,668.00 to \$5,477.50 (Difference of \$809.50). This was Tabled from the April Meeting. Mayor Serrato asks, so ya'll know what happened there, so we need to approve the eight-hundred (800) or nine-hundred (900) or no. Just to let our citizens know, we were gonna, the Council approved to get a K-9 inserts for a K-9 dog, K-9 Officer which was four-thousand six-hundred and sixty-eight (4,668), upon looking a little further, they didn't have the supplies or something like that, they found a better deal which included more items and so we got more for the price we were gonna get for the first one which was one (1) or two (2) and that made it that five-thousand four-hundred seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$5,477.50), so I went ahead and say go ahead and get it. I was suppose to talk to the council later on in the meeting which never took place and that's why we're here from April and the list can be seen of all the stuff that he got, if you'd like to. Gentlemen? Councilman Castleberry asks, okay in doing that, do we have to amend the budget. Mayor Serrato states, we're just going to approve the difference. Councilman Castleberry asks, do we have to amend the budget. Mayor Serrato states, and then later we will have to, well, not if he's giving it back, I don't think we do. Councilman Castleberry states, so, so is that the understanding that the police department, Chief Portillo, is going to reimburse the city. Mayor Serrato states, he's going to reimburse the city five-thousand four-hundred seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$5,477.50), yes sir, well the original conversation we had with Chief was that he was getting a K-9 grant, he just needed the money now, which would be considered a loan and then he would give it back to us which

is the conversation we had with him Friday. Councilman Ver Hey asks, is there a particular reason why we're actually amending all of this if it's already been said and done and paid. Mayor Serrato states, well we paid for the equipment, but we never, the City approve four-thousand six-hundred sixty-eight (4,668), that's actually what we put on the books but it's actually five-thousand four-hundred seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$5,477.50). Yes sir, Mr. Captain. Captain Bryan Skero states, the last, I think it was Executor's Special meeting we had, when was it when you got into the pursuit, it was over there I don't think you, you were at your family's house. Mayor Serrato states, well don't say anything that happened in there. Captain Skeo states, well nah, I mean it was asked of me by the council why it was a little bit more and I told him it was because of the, we never, we didn't mention in there we actually forgot about the installment of it, the price of installment. It was just for the equipment. Mayor Serrato states, okay, and the shipping. Captain Skero confirms, yeah. Councilman Ver Hey asks, this amount doesn't include the installment price anyways. Captain Skero states, no. Mayor Serrato states, no. Councilman Ver Hey asks, it's just the material and the shipping, correct. Mayor Serrato states, yes sir. Councilman Castleberry asks, are we ready to make a motion, Councilman Ver Hey you still thinking. Councilman Ver Hey states, no, go ahead, if you want to make a motion. Councilman Castleberry states, I would like to make a motion to consider and act upon amending the original purchase price of the police department's request for K-9 insert from forty-six sixty-eight (46 68) to fifty-four seventy-seven fifty (54 77 50), a different of one oh eight (108), I mean, eight oh nine point five zero (809.50). Mayor Serrato states, I have a motion by Mr. Marquis, do I have a second. Councilman Jones states, second. Mayor Serrato states, second by Mr. Chuck, all in favor. All in favor of motion. Mayor Serrato states, motion carries, thank you gentlemen.

14. Mayors Report: Mayor Serrato states, I don't have much to say just thank you for coming out here and, actually I do. This is from our Code Enforcement Officer, ya'll can look it over, take it home, just some things that we need to fix here or work on and it's been brought to my attention of all the, she went over the ordinance with me and the possibilities as far as the city as far as the violations and there's a lot to read here but it's very interesting. If you have any questions, she said feel free to email her, call her, she would be than glad to explain this. So, anyways, that's all I have.
15. EDC Report: Mrs. Vicki Castleberry states, from our April 25th meeting, the EDC approved to participate in a cable television fishing show with Lake Palestine Resort to share 5th percent of the advertisement for a spot highlighting other Coffee City lodging facilities available for rent at Lake Palestine. Also, we approved the revisions on section 302 of our bi-laws to allow individuals owning a business and property within the city limits of Coffee City who live within a ten (10) mile radius of Coffee City to be able to apply for a membership to the EDC board. Also, the board did a recent proposal to purchase some property and we talked about and approved to amend our budget to reflect those potential expenses within the budget for this year and with those things that we discussed, we have discussed it with our attorney and our board member Mrs. McBride has already sent out a request for publication in the Athens paper so we can get started on trying to get those items taken care of. I think they're suppose to run maybe Thursday, starting Thursday and Saturday. Okay, calendar events that the ECD board had on the calendar which is May 14th the fishing tournament that has already been approved so we didn't have to take any action on that. We had a Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 28th, but it has been postponed to a later date for time restraints. We are working on a project for Father's Day activity with the Lake Palestine Resort, so we're still working on that and Micah Wolfe at Lake Palestine Resort has agreed to assist us with the marketing of the event that we're going to be hosting on the 18th of June. Also, we have scheduled our budget workshop for this Wednesday at 10 o'clock here in this building for our next year and that's our report. Mayor Serrato states, thank you Mrs. Vicki. Mrs. Castleberry states, you're welcome. Mayor Serrato asks, what time on Wednesday. Mrs. Castleberry states, 10 I think, let me make sure. Yeah it's at 10. Mayor Serrato asks, any questions gentlemen. Mrs. Vicki do ya'll have a full quorum now. Mrs. Castleberry states, yes, actually this is Mr. Jeff Blackstone. This is one of our new members here and Justin Wiggins, he's not here today. Mayor Serrato states, okay thank you. Mrs. Castleberry states, we do have seven (7). Mayor Serrato states, thank you, well I would like to thank the EDC for all that ya'll have done, I know it's time consuming, a lot of paperwork and so forth and driving around and looking for stuff. I just want to say thank you very much for all that you do. If ya'll don't have any questions then we'll move on to the next.
16. Municipal Court Report: Ms. Mary McDonald states, today I'm just going to introduce Carolina to everybody. Most of you have seen her when you're coming in and out of the office and I figured she needed to be formally introduced at the meeting. This is Carolina Martinez, she has stepped up to help me with the court and she's actually done really well. She's been able to assist a lot of people in and out of the office and with phone calls. She's here if you have any questions for her. Off camera person states, and she's bilingual. Ms. McDonald confirms, yea she's bilingual, that helps a lot. Mayor Serrato states, that helps a lot, thank you Ms. Carolina. Have we got any warrants cleared up. Ms. McDonald asks, warrants, yes. At least two (2) this week for sure. Just this week Chief gave me a call the other night, he got somebody and then Friday McCord had somebody. Mayor Serrato states, I was advised by Mrs. Tobey that they brought someone in and that since she's a female officer she was able to pat down which is good, thought I'd put that out there because that helps. Was that you that brought her. Sergeant Cody Welch states, yeah I brought a female in and she was able to. Mayor Serrato states, good, well, thank you Ms. Mary. Any questions gentlemen. Now moving on to seventeen (17) the Police. Ms. McDonald states, Mayor I did mess up and I left the Fire Department off of there. Mayor Serrato states, okay okay. Ms. McDonald states, but their reports in the packet. Mayor Serrato states, isn't that what we talked about just not long ago. Councilman Jones states, I would like to make a motion to add Fire Department. Fire Chief Chris

Moore states, I will cut you. I normally go after the Police Department anyway. Mayor Serrato states, but I mean, GeoJan we forgot to put it on there but it's not in there, is it possible or I don't know. We just went through this last week and said no. Mrs. GeoJan Wright-Hunter states, well they can make a, is that before Vicki. Vicki is a parliamentarian so she knows the procedure. Mrs. Castleberry states, the procedure is actually to amend the agenda prior to the beginning of the meeting. Mayor Serrato asks, the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Castleberry states, yes. Mayor Serrato states, okay, so we can't do that. Alright Chief, you're up, but according to this it looks like you're doing a good job. Number seventeen (17) the Police Department Report.

17. Police Dept. Report: Chief JohnJay Portillo states, hello I'm Chief Portillo. Some of you may know me, some of you don't. If you don't, hello. So for the month of April we had four (4) new officers sworn in, William Kessler, Chris Baker, John Joslin, and Kassondra Garcia. William Kessler will be in the courts. John's a former Constable and Chief of Police so he will be Administrative with us. Baker and Garcia are patrol. Garcia is actually a C.I.U. and K-9, no K-9, just C.I.U. Captain Skero states, C.I.U. Chief Portillo states, C.I.U., Crime Interdiction, you know that's what we love to do. Equipment wise, vehicles have been picked up, lights have been installed, they're all outside if ya'll want to go in and start counting all the lights and take inventory of them, that'd be great so we know that all my equipment has been installed. We have our Charger, black one, that has a blown head gasket, needs to be repaired twenty-five hundred (2,500) three-thousand (3,000), Kenny's giving us an estimate, he does all our work. Unit five (5) was damaged during a high-speed pursuit, some of ya'll saw us chasing the guy around town and all up and down the back roads. He crashed into one of our units trying to get away, ended up getting tackled and dog bit and all that good stuff. So, we do need tires for that same unit, unit five (5) and all our Tahoe's and Chargers we got from DPS, we need to stick new ones on. That'll run us about eleven-hundred dollars (\$1,100) for three (3) vehicles. I'm assuming we can take that out of my grant, so it's not going to cost the city nothing, just as long as they loan us the money and we pay it back. So yeah, one-thousand fifty-four (1,054) calls for service, seven (7) of those were felony arrests, involving guns and drugs and meth. A lot of meth out here. We had seven (7) impounds, so that was, we had a slow month last month. Usually we average about twelve (12) to fifteen (15), but the weather kept us from getting out there. Total arrests were eleven (11), so basically you had four (4) that were three (3) of them, three (3) or four (4) of them were misdemeanors from POM's. One (1) assault, I have my investigations going right now, and first month we haven't had a suicide or found body. Ordinance violations five (5) and my Ordinance Officer comes in once a month, once again I'll put this out there, if you know the house, if you know property that's abandoned that's dilapidating, our city ordinance lady she's new out here so she doesn't know a lot of these roads. So if you know something, call the city get her email, Mayor, somebody, email us, just like I said, we don't know everything so if ya'll help us and say hey I've got three (3) houses down from me being vacant for this many, you've got meth heads in there, blah blah blah, we will go out there and secure it and find out and start the process to get it abated. Ms. Stewart, Officer Stewart, is a great abatement, she knows a lot, we sat today and went over and created all this new stuff. We're going to start filing injunctions on certain properties and taking over because if we, if the drug heads and the meth heads don't have a place to hide, they're all going to go across the bridge into Lakeway Harbor. So, we'll send them over there and catch them as they try to get in and out of Coffee City. Vehicle seizures, we seized two (2) vehicles which are going to be up for auction. Did we get the motorcycle or did you say it wasn't worth it? Sgt. Welch states, it wasn't worth it. Chief Portillo states, I say eh, scrap metal is a good price anyways. So we had a couple vehicle seizures that we're going to be putting up for auction, so look out for the postings, we'll also post it on our website, the Coffee City website about these because one's a Cadillac Escalade. Captain Skero states, and a Dodge Pickup Truck. Chief Portillo states, and a Dodge Pickup, yeah, a Dodge Pickup so good vehicles. If you know someone that needs a vehicle then hey, come on and help us raise money for our department. Animal Complaints, we had four (4) animal complaints, we seized three (3) dogs, sadly they had to be euthanized unfortunately because the owners did not take care of them. We seized a total of three (3) guns and total of eight-hundred and fifty-six (856) traffic stops, five-hundred and twenty (520) of those resulted in citations three-hundred and seventy (370) of those resulted in warnings. So now I'll do my next thing, is I'm going to hand out to the council. Mayor Serrato states, Chief, one second, did you get an estimate for the damage that. Chief Portillo states, no, I need to take it to the tire to get estimated. The DA called me about restitution but the guy is never going to pay us for it. Mayor Serrato states, okay, now on. Chief Portillo states, it's still operable but it just has a pushed in quarter panel and bumper, right. Sergeant Welch states, and wrap around guard. Mayor Serrato asks, now are you saying for the seizures for the auction, are the guns auctioned as well or is that a different matter. Chief Portillo states, that would actually be a question for Captain. Captain Skero states, yeah, as of right now no. We, with the majority of the smaller agencies, local agencies do because it's very cost effective is it's called René Bates. It's a third-party website that they sell them for you, they do all the paperwork, all the licensing and everything on the purchaser and just get a little cut of it. Mayor Serrato states, okay, thank you. Mrs. GeoJan Wright-Hunter states, Mayor, is any of those damages, would they be covered by our insurance. Chief Portillo asks, we're self-insured, aren't we? Mrs. Wright-Hunter states, by the city insurance. Mayor Serrato states, it should be covered by the city. Mrs. Wright-Hunter confirms. Chief Portillo states, that's just, what ya'll are reading, it's about what we discussed the other night about the complaint, so ya'll know my procedure and how the investigation went. You'll see attached are the other two papers, of the other supervisors and what they said, if you have any questions get with me after and we'll go from there. The other thing I want to ask is, we have an incident where some racial slurs were thrown around the city, I reported them to you Mayor and have yet got a disposition, it's been since November and December and I'm still waiting on my outcome investigation. You may correct me if I'm wrong, but I was told that the council had come to the conclusion that those racial things and things that were said were acceptable by the city and me as a minority, like I said before, it ain't going to happen on my watch. So, I'm demanding that an investigation be completed and I have a full report stating why those words were acceptable and why my officer

was thrown under the bus because my officer came to me and then wrote me a complaint and he started getting accused of being forced to write the complaint. We can't have transparency and change in the city if we don't change ourselves. We need a full investigation, and I'm demanding a full investigation, not just one paragraph stating oh we decided oh it was okay. Nah, because basically what that's saying is that each and every one of you are saying the use of the N word or the effing Mexicans are acceptable terminology and it's not, and I behoove anybody in this room tell me that it is. Because it's not, my department is made up of minorities; Whites, Blacks, Mexicans, Chinese, Vietnamese, whatever. We've got all races and I will not have them feel like they are not wanted or accepted in Coffee City and if this costs me my job, then so be it. But I will stand here and I will take the brunt of the force because I thought, I find it unacceptable that my officer was dragged in, and I doubt that she even talked to him. That he was threatened that he was going to get fired, that he was told that I was going to fire him for cooperating, that is not true. He should've never been included in the investigation, he was a witness, and the other witness was never called upon, and I sure was never called upon to come in and tell you what actually happened that day. So aside from that, we had a bunch of other allegations that were disproven and I still haven't gotten an apology and I haven't even been told hey sorry about that bro, our bad. But we need to do better as a city, I serve everybody in this community and our officers serve everybody in this community. We don't care if they're white, where you come from, Black, Mexican, fresh across the border, hey if you need us, we're there and we can not show these residents that we pick and choose who we serve. Everybody in this city deserves equal and respectful and empathetic policing and we cannot have that when we have a community that is divided because of these racial epithets that are being thrown around. I won't accept it from my officers and I'm not going to accept it from anyone that works in this building. With that said, I'm done. Councilman Castleberry states, Chief, I have a question. Chief Portillo asks, yes? Councilman Castleberry states, you stated that in your opinion or you were told that the city is of the opinion that the terms that were used are acceptable. Chief Portillo states, they said that the investigation was concluded and it was found that nothing. Councilman Castleberry asks, who headed the investigation. Chief Portillo states, your Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Castleberry asks, and who accepted his investigation. Chief Portillo states, I don't know, that's what I'm asking for. I'm asking for the investigation, where is the investigation that you said was conducted or that he said was conducted. Councilman Castleberry states, he, as in, the Mayor Pro-Tem. Chief Portillo states, yeah. Councilman Castleberry states, okay was it, was the results of that investigation given to anybody. Chief Portillo states, probably emailed to the mayor, but he told me face-to-face at his house that by the way we did the investigation and everything's okay. The we I'm assuming is you guys weren't part of it. Councilman Castleberry states, okay. Chief Portillo states, so that's why I'm asking that you guys get together, find out where the investigation is, so I can see what was done because as you can see, when I give you my investigation I give you time, dates, employees, who I spoke to, I even got an opinion from three (3) officers of different categories of races. Why? Because I want to be transparent, I wanna get his or her opinion, your opinion, his opinion, my opinion, I wanna get a corroborative of opinions not just so I'm the dictator because I'm not a dictator, but I have to conduct my investigation so I'm transparent so if anyone says well you're just doing that because he's Mexican, you're Mexican. No, I got his opinion he isn't Mexican, I got his opinion he ain't Mexican. We want to be able to show what a true investigation is. So if ya'll would find that investigation or bring it to light and say well it's not true, then we're good. Mayor Serrato states, Mrs. Vicki, oh I'm sorry. Mrs. Castleberry states, I just wanted, were you finished? Councilman Castleberry states, not really but go ahead. Mrs. Castleberry states, oh I'm sorry. Councilman Castleberry states, well let me say this, if his statement was that his investigation was completed and that everything is okay, that's don't representative of everybody else. Chief Portillo states, okay well that's why I'm bringing it to light, because it kept getting swept under the rug. I have body camera video of our conversation, if you want to see it. Councilman Castleberry states, and I don't have an issue with that, but I, you know, have an issue with a statement being made to the public that it's okay, that it's acceptable, and it's acceptable by us. When it's not founded that it is acceptable by us. So, I'm going to say this, it's encumbered and I'll take responsibility to find out exactly what that investigation entails. And I'll ask whomever I need to ask in regards to that. Mayor Serrato states, I think what happened was that he spoke in ya'll's behalf. Councilman Castleberry states, but I take exception to with to a statement being made that it's okay by us which includes me and I'm just saying, that is not acceptable, to say that. Chief Portillo states, I'll show you the body footage where he says it. Councilman Castleberry states, I'm not concerned with that. Okay, I'm not concerned with that. If you could show the body film later. Chief Portillo states, okay. Councilman Castleberry states, but I just wanted to say my thing, okay? Chief Portillo states, that's fine, yes sir. Mayor Serrato states, you will have an answer and I have my notes and we'll see what they get and we'll get with you right away. Councilman Ver Hey states, I wanna state that I think what might've happened possibly, is there's kind of two (2) different things going on that same time and I don't recall ever seeing all the information of what he's talking about at all. So, I think there was two different investigations and they kinda got pushed together somehow and something went wrong there, I don't know what, but yeah for most of what you're talking about I have no knowledge of it even to know what it was. So, I think there was a mix up in the paperwork and stuff that was given to review and talk about so I think we do need to look into it a little more and see what it is and give him answered. Councilman Castleberry asks, so was it paperwork that was given to you or to anybody, that was not forwarded to the city. Councilman Ver Hey states, the statements that I saw was confusing with part of it like it didn't go with the other that we were talking about so. Councilman Jones states, I'll agree with that. Councilman Castleberry asks, that who was talking about? Councilman Ver Hey states, we had two different cases apparently. We had one case we were told we were gonna be doing talking about and discussing, we were given statements and there's other statements with it and they didn't coincide to really make sense with it all because we were not told there was two different issues. Councilman Jones states, there was nothing that I saw that even mentioned any kind of racial comments so when I heard about that it was surprising to me because I never knew anything about it. Councilman Ver Hey states, correct. Mayor Serrato states, it was brought up to the Mayor Pro-Tem to advise you, and he said he was going to take care of it and I have the email saying what he found what ya'll say. Councilman Jones states,


well I think for us it's hard to hear that, and I see where you're coming from on your side, but it's almost like accusing us that it's okay to be racist. Chief Portillo states, no I'm not. Councilman Jones states, and it's not and nobody feels that way or whatever be that way and I think the fact that, atleast myself, I never saw anything about any kind of racial comments in that investigation that we were talking about so. Chief Portillo states, and Chuck my thing is I'm not saying ya'll knew about it, that's why I'm saying, I wanna see his because he lumped ya'll up in this instead of bringing, if he didn't bring it to you shame on him, because if he... if that's... what he told me on body cam basically he said exactly we all decided and I will be more than happy to show that in public. If ya'll wanna come to my office later this week, we can. That's why I'm here because I can't get anyone to give me a straight answer. So, let's just move on and we'll address it how we need to address it. Now that you guys are aware of it, we can finally get something on it. Councilman Castleberry states, thank you Chief. Chief Portillo states, alright thank you. Mayor Serrato states, this is a sensitive subject and something that has to be dealt with and it's an ongoing problem in a lot of places. Just so you know, Marquis and I had started talking and we were looking into it and we hit a standstill and that's when we included the Mayor Pro-Tem to include ya'll because we couldn't all be together as a meeting and a quorum, so we trying to work it out so we were under the quorum, so we wouldn't be in violation and that's were we're at, so. He's already said what he has and let's hope we can fix this., We don't have any opening remarks whatever. If anybody has anything to address to the council, right now is your time. Alright, well I have, move on to number eighteen (18) and Chief sorry about you not being in here.

18. Adjournment: Mayor Serrato states, moving on to number eighteen (18), can I get a motion to adjourn. Councilman Jones states, I'll make a motion to adjourn. Mayor Serrato states, a motion by Mr. Chuck, any second. Councilman Ver Hey states, I second it. Mayor Serrato states, second by Mr. Ver Hey, all in favor. All in favor of adjournment.

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