

OCTOBER 20, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code allows a meeting to which the public does not have access in certain limited instances. The Council may consult with their attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation. The Council may have a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. An open session is not required to consider evaluation, discipline, or dismissal of an employee unless there is a specific complaint or charge against an officer or employee and the employee or officer wants an open session. The purpose of the agenda is to give notice to the public about the item that will be considered. If any item on the agenda falls within the exceptions to the open meeting law, the Council has the right to adjourn the open session and convene a closed meeting. However, no action may be taken in an executive session. The Council will reconvene in open session before taking any action on an agenda item.

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor James Harrison, Aldermen Clay Kistler, Garrett Dornon, Arlie Kendrick, Wayne Browning, Alderwoman Ashley Slater; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Per Mayor Harrison's recommendation Item 12 will be omitted. The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 20, 2020 with Item 12 omitted. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (Any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Council.)

Mr. Don Lafferty spoke to Council regarding speeders on S. Masonic and Mr. Ken Elliott spoke concerning parking issue on S. Masonic.

7. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPARTMENT HEADS

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported on FEMA grant, S. Masonic Street rehab has been completed, and Electric Department is continuing to trim tree limbs.

8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/ COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY (DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO STATEMENTS OF POLICY OR STATEMENTS OF FACTUAL MATTERS, OR THE REQUEST THAT A MATTER BE PLACED ON THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA)

Alderman Dornon inquired on utility payment agreements and a review of ordinances. Alderman Kistler commented that a guideline for development permits/platting would be helpful. Alderman Kendrick thanked the Electric Dept. for their quick response to a power outage last Saturday and reported he had trouble reaching the answering service to report the outage. Alderman Kendrick commended the city crews for their work on S. Masonic and asked for the City to repair hole at E. Hacienda and S. Masonic. Mayor Harrison also commented on how well pleased he was with the S. Masonic project and mentioned Halloween activities should be decided by parents; if you wish to go trick-or-treating by all means do, if you would prefer not to participate that is equally fine. Parents should make that call.

9. **CONSENT AGENDA** – ITEMS LISTED ARE OF ROUTINE NATURE AND MAY BE ACTED ON IN A SINGLE MOTION UNLESS REQUESTED OTHERWISE BY MEMBER OF COUNCIL

- (A) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE THE 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT
- (B) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT LORENZO MCFARLAND TO THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
- (C) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT SHANE GORDON TO THE SENS ACTIVITY CENTER BOARD
- (D) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT MAYOR HARRISON THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND ALDERMAN BROWNING THE OFFICIAL ALTERNATE
- (E) CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPOINT ALDERMAN GARRETT DORNON, MARK MONTGOMERY, AND JILL BRANDT TO THE PARKS BOARD

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to approve the 5 items on the Consent Agenda. Pertaining to (A) Approval of 3rd Quarter Investment Policy, Alderman Kendrick asked if a copy of a monthly statement from Texas Class regarding the City's \$300,000 investment could be included each month in Council Packet. Mayor Harrison called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING ARTICLE 9.01 GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SEC. 9.01.002 TITLED BENEFIT PLANS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the amendment to Article 9.01 Section 9.01.002 Benefit Plans. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT LEASE WHICH EXPIRES NOVEMBER 14, 2020 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to table this item and discuss in Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCES NEEDED FOR NON-CONFORMING SUBDIVISION, SPECIFICALLY BUILDING SET BACK LINE FOR EXISTING STRUCTURES AND CONSIDERATION OF FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR ENGELKING SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was deleted from Agenda.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO SECTION A7.003 OF CODE OF ORDINANCES FEE SCHEDULE TO PASS THROUGH FEES MANDATED BY THE BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Per the auditor's request, these fees need to be added to the Code of Ordinances Fee Schedule. The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Dornon to amend Section A7.003 Fee Schedule by adding Bluebonnet Groundwater Conservation District fee. Motion carried unanimously.

OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED

Executive Session convened at 5:39 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:05 p.m. No action.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.