

AUGUST 18, 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. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Garrett Dornon, Arlie Kendrick, Wayne Browning and Alderwoman Ashley Slater; thereby a quorum was established. Alderman Clay Kistler arrived at 5:42 p.m. Also present were City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Dornon to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2020 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 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.)

No one from the public wished to speak.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported on status of Quiet Zone and Masonic Street and invited all to the Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser Friday, August 21st.

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 Kendrick inquired on when meters are read because dates on utility bills have been fluctuating. Mayor Harrison reminded everyone school is back in session and wished all to stay safe and healthy.

9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2020-2021 BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to approve the 2020-2021 Bellville Economic Development Corporation Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 1.06 FINANCES, INVESTMENT AND CASH MANAGEMENT SECTION 1.06.031 GENERALLY; SECTION 1.06.032 INVESTMENT POLICY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kistler to adopt Ordinance #1619 approving the City's Investment Policy which is done annually. There were no changes to the Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION DESIGNATING AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MIT PROGRAM APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

RFQ's were submitted from 5 engineering firms: Amani Engineering, Inc., Strand Associates, Inc., Hodde and Hodde Land Surveying, Inc., Jones & Carter, and Bleyl Engineering. Per the committee's recommendation, the motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Resolution authorizing Strand Engineering be the engineering provider for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Program. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN TEXAS COOPERATIVE LIQUID ASSETS SECURITIES SYSTEM TRUST (TEXAS CLASS) PROGRAM AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Resolution to Participate in the Texas CLASS Investment Pool Program in order to diversify. The Pool provides a \$0 minimum balance and there is no penalty to withdraw money. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSE A TAX RATE FOR 2020 NOT TO EXCEED 0.30200 AND TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the proposed tax rate of 0.3020 per \$100 valuation for 2020-2021 and to set a Public Hearing for September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 2020-01 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the recommendation of the Building Standards Commission to abate the property tagged 2020-01. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 2020-02 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to approve the recommendation of the Building Standards Commission to abate the property tagged 2020-02. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION OF REPLAT OF 1.472 ACRES BEING THE SAME PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED AS TRACT 1 IN THE DEED RECORDS VOLUME 154 PAGE 40 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the replat of 1.472 acres being the same property as described as Tract 1 in the deed records volume 154 page 40. Motion carried unanimously.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.