

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 Garrett Dornon, Arlie Kendrick, Wayne Browning, Clay Kistler, 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

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Agenda for the Special Meeting of September 7, 2021 after tabling items 5 and 6. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING – ANNEXATION OF 57.189 ACRES OF LAND IN THE J. CUMMINGS HACIENDA (A-31) AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS IN DEED FILED IN CLERK’S FILE NO. 091132 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Tabled.

6. CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE ANNEXING 57.189 ACRES OF LAND IN THE J. CUMMINGS HACIENDA (A-31) AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS IN DEED FILED IN CLERK’S FILE NO. 091132 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Tabled.

7. CONSIDERATION OF THE PLAT OF AMTHOR VISTA SUBDIVISION, A REPLAT OF PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS 1.163 ACRES LOCATED IN THE JOHN NICHOLS LEAGUE, A-73, “CITY OF BELLVILLE”, AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS. BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THAT DEED RECORDED IN CLERK’S FILE NO. 201795 OF THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS UNDER THE DEFINITION OF A “MINOR PLAT” HAVING FEWER THAN 4 LOTS AND NOT REQUIRING THE CREATION OF ANY NEW STREET OR EXTENSION OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND ANY NECESSARY RELATED ACTION

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the replat of 1.163 acres now known as Amthor Vista Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDERATION OF, AND RECORD VOTE ON, PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR THE 2021 TAX YEAR AND ANY NECESSARY RELATED ACTION. THE TAX RATE PROPOSED BY STAFF IS 0.3041 PER \$100. THE PROPOSED TAX RATE IS GREATER THAN THE VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE BUT NOT GREATER THAN THE DE MINIMIS RATE AND DOES NOT EXCEED THE RATE THAT ALLOWS VOTERS TO PETITION FOR AN ELECTION UNDER SECTION 26.075, TAX CODE

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Kistler to move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.3041 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively an 8% increase

in the tax rate. Mayor Harrison called for a record vote; Alderman, Position 1 Wayne Browning voted aye, Alderman, Position 2 Arlie Kendrick voted aye, Alderwoman, Position 3 Ashley Slater voted aye, Alderman, Position 4 Clay Kistler voted aye and Alderman, Position 5 Garrett Dornon voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDERATION AND CREATION OF NEW CITY POSITION, ASSISTANT PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Kendrick inquired on a job description for the new position, Assistant Public Works Director, the \$4,000 line item in the budget and the process to fill the position. Per City Administrator Shawn Jackson's recommendation, the motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kistler to accept the Assistant Public Works Director position and it be included in the budget. Mayor Harrison called for the vote. Voting aye were Aldermen Kistler, Dornon and Browning and Alderwoman Slater. Voting nay was Alderman Kendrick. Motion passed.

10. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:22 p.m.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

Executive Session convened at 5:24 p.m.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

13. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 5:47 p.m.

14. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

No action.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.