

JANUARY 19, 2021

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, Wayne Browning, Arlie Kendrick, Alderwoman Ashley Slater; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Shawn Jackson and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 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. Jason Rees of A Compass Plumbing commented on permits and fines.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the recycle survey will go out with this month's bills and be available online, the Public Hearing for the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program will be Monday, January 25th and the Administrator/Council Annual Review will be ready for Council review in April.

8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY (DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO STATEMENT 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 status of permit software and utility billing app. Mr. Dornon also asked status of airport lease. Alderman Kendrick thanked the Water, Street, Electric Department and Public Works Director for their assistance during recent after hour utility emergencies. Mayor Harrison recognized our police department for the fine work they do for the City of Bellville specifically at a recent disturbance at the Shell Station and also thanked local citizens for assisting during this situation.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING REGULATION OF DRIVEWAY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Attorney Smith spoke to Council regarding driveway ordinances in other Texas cities. The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick for Attorney Smith to draw up a draft ordinance for Council to review at next month's meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE REVIEW SCHEDULE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Dornon and Alderwoman Slater volunteered to begin ordinance review with (February/March) reviewing of Chapter 1: General Provisions Ordinances. Alderman Browning suggested local citizens be involved also.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE BETWEEN AUSTIN COUNTY AND CITY OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Road Maintenance between Austin County and the City of Bellville. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 1, 2021 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Dornon to approve the Ordinance calling for a General Municipal Election on May 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 4TH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the 4th Quarter 2020 Investment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE 2021 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION/MAIN STREET PROGRAM TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Dornon to approve the Resolution appointing GrantWorks the provider of Professional Services for the 2021 Downtown Revitalization / Main Street Program Texas Community Development Block Grant. Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF POTENTIALLY MORE EFFICIENT ORGANIZATION AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Council asked that each employee receive a copy of the City or Bellville Organizational Chart. Other than that, no other action taken.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.