

March 23, 2021

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

Chapter 551 of 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 5:07 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James Harrison led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adopt the Agenda for the Special Meeting of March 23, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **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) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR A 2021-2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND GRANT OF UP TO \$350,000 TO CONSTRUCT DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGNATES THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

(B) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION FUND GRANT OF UP TO \$350,000 TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS IN THE HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND DESIGNATES THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER AS THE CITY'S AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

(C) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION THAT ESTABLISHES A HISTORIC COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND DESIGNATES SUCH AREA AS A BLIGHTED AREA AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

(D) DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN AND CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED DURING APPLICATION FOR AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROJECTS UNDER THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the Consent Agenda-GrantWorks documentation as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:09 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION – GAS UTILITY SYSTEM AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.086 UTILITY COMPETITIVE MATTERS – CITY OF BELLVILLE GAS UTILITY SYSTEM – GAS SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN WTG GAS MARKETING, INC. AND CITY OF BELLVILLE, TEXAS AND ASSOCIATED ISSUES

Executive Session convened at 5:12 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

9. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:09 p.m.

10. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION – GAS UTILITY SYSTEM AND UTILITY COMPETITIVE MATTERS – CITY OF BELLVILLE GAS UTILITY SYSTEM – GAS SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN WTG GAS MARKETING, INC. AND CITY OF BELLVILLE, TEXAS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to use last month's rate and pay \$55,768.21 To WTG in settlement of disputed amount. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Harrison then read a Proclamation asking for assistance from local and state levels due to above market pricing for gas during the week of February 13 – 19, 2021.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.