

FEBRUARY 23, 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 Wayne Browning, Arlie Kendrick, Garrett Dornon, 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/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 February 23, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 19, 2021, the Special Meeting of January 25, 2021 and the Special Meeting of February 9, 2021. 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. Gary Morris spoke about individual's private property, specifically driveways. Pastor Johnson asked Council to consider a grant for a public swimming pool. Ms. Reesa Ueckert spoke of city ordinances, specifically dumpsters.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported Republic will pick up additional garbage on the 24th due to storm, Spring Clean-Up is March 15-20, good response on Recycle Surveys, EDC Workshop will be scheduled soon, LCRA reported no storm related increases for the City and thanked all employees and Council for their assistance during the storm.

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)

Alderwoman Slater thanked everyone for their assistance related to storm and mentioned maybe a social media page for the City would be helpful. She also inquired on a new answering service and thanked Cathy for her service to the City and congratulated Lieutenant Smalley on his promotion to Police Chief. Alderman Dornon also thanked all those jumping in to help during the storm and inquired on reducing water minimums this month only to help the local residents. Alderman Dornon and Alderman Kistler thanked Cathy and Alderman Kistler inquired on the City's answering service and PA system in council room; difficulty hearing during Council Meetings. Alderman Browning mentioned the importance of tree trimming and commented on erosion fence, signage, and LED lighting around the City. Alderman Browning thanked Cathy also. Alderman Kendrick commented how blessed the City was during the storm to keep power and water and

thanked those working during this time. Mayor Harrison thanked everyone- staff and public, specifically the police department during the storm for a job well done.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2019-2020 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKSWATSON & COMPANY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Slater and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Audit presented by Brookswatson. Motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT ORDINANCE REGARDING REGULATION OF DRIVEWAY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Dornon to amend the Code of Ordinances by adding Section 12.03.012 – Control of Driveways. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the 2020 Racial Profiling Report submitted by the Bellville Police Department. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDC PROJECT FOR BRANDED DESIGNS NOT TO EXCEED \$23,000 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the EDC expenditure for Branded Designs not to exceed \$23,000. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Crew Leader training to begin Monday, March 1st per City Administrator Shawn Jackson.

14. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:12 p.m.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072 TO DELIBERATE THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY – AIRPORT LEASE

Executive Session convened at 6:16 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

17. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

18. CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY- AIRPORT LEASE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.