

March 16, 2021

MINUTES OF A REGULAR 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 5:00 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, Clay Kistler and Garrett Dornon; thereby a quorum was established. Alderwoman Slater was absent. 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 adopt the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2021 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 for the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2021 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 Smalley informed everyone of the Guns & Hoses 5K/10K Run and Softball Tournament to be held on April 3rd.

7. 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)

Mayor and Council welcomed our new Finance/Human Resources Director, Rachael Lynch to the City of Bellville. Alderman Dornon requested minor plat approvals be on Consent Agenda in the future. Alderman Kistler suggested the general public/surveyors be given a list of requirements for better efficiency required by the City. Alderman Browning commented on tree trimming and the successful Car Show and thanked those involved. Alderman Kendrick also stated he attended the show and commended the Parks Department for a fine job. Mayor Harrison thanked the Austin County Cruisers for a successful event and thanked the Parks Department for their efforts.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported Spring Clean-up is currently underway in the City and a Budget Calendar has been prepared and crew leaders have had their preliminary budget meeting.

9. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR JOINT ELECTION ON ELECTION DAY BETWEEN BELLVILLE ISD AND CITY OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Wayne Browning and seconded by Alderman Arlie Kendrick to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Election Day Voting by Personal Appearance to be Conducted at a Common Polling Place (Sens Center) between the City of Bellville and Bellville Independent School District. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE MAY 1ST GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Dornon to appoint Ella Mae Dahse the Presiding Judge and Joy Smith the Alternate Presiding Judge for the May 1st General Municipal Election. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF REPLAT OF 2.388 ACRES LOCATED IN JOHN NICHOLS LEAGUE A-73 OF BORIACK SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the replat of 2.388 acres located in John Nichols League A-73 of Boriack Subdivision. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF PLAT OF 6.230 ACRES LOCATED IN JOHN NICHOLS LEAGUE A-73 OF SUNSET ESTATES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the plat for 6.230 acres located in John Nichols League A-73 of Sunset Estates provided setback lines are on final plat. Motion carried unanimously.

13. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:25 p.m.

14. 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 5:28 p.m.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

16. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:32 p.m.

17. 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

No action.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.