

February 9, 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 Arlie Kendrick, Wayne Browning, Garrett Dornon and 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 adopt the Agenda for the Special Meeting of February 9, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2021-2022 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

RFQ's were received from Amani Engineering, Payne Industries, Strand Engineering, and Sherwood Surveying. The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to designate Strand Associates, Inc. the engineering service provider for the 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Fund Application and Project Implementation administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Motion carried unanimously.

6. DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AN ENGINEERING SERVICE PROVIDER FOR THE 2021 DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROGRAM / MAIN STREET FUND APPLICATION AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

RFQ's were received from Strand Associates, Inc. and VEI Consulting Engineers. The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Browning to designate Strand Associates, Inc. the engineering service provider for the 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program / Main Street Fund Application and Project Implementation administered through the Texas Department of Agriculture. Motion carried unanimously.

7. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:05 p.m.

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

Executive Session convened at 5:08 p.m.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER – POLICE CHIEF

Executive Session continued.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

11. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:56 p.m.

12. CONSIDERATION OF DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY (AIRPORT LEASE) AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

13. CONSIDERATION OF DELIBERATION OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER (POLICE CHIEF) AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to offer the position of Police Chief to Lt. Jason Smalley and have the City Attorney draw up an employment agreement with the effective date of March 31, 2021.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.