

APRIL 16, 2002

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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1. 1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro-Tempore James A. "Jim" Bishop called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Pro-Tempore James A. "Jim" Bishop, Aldermen Wayne Browning, O. William "Bill" Schmidt, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller, and David Ottmer; thereby a quorum was established. Also present was City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Mayor Philip Harrison was absent.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2002 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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Mr. Michael Davis appeared before Council and inquired about the noon whistle as to whether it would be reconnected. Administrator Roberts informed Mr. Davis that the Electric Superintendent Steven Robertson has been looking for a whistle that can be hooked to a time clock, as our old whistle could not be reinstalled.

7. 7. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY

Alderman Ottmer announced that the Economic Development Corporation Board had received an application for funds from the Boy's and Girl's Club.

Alderman Schmidt asked if it would be possible to install some fans in the commercial buildings that are used for the annual Bellville General Hospital Rummage Sale and the Antique Festival. Administrator Roberts responded that this could be done.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council that the new Police Department was progressing nicely and the move in date would be May 13.

Adm. Roberts announced that by the first of May people would be able to pay their utility bill and municipal court fine online by Visa or Mastercard if they so desired. The First National Bank of Bellville was providing this service to the City free of charge. She also informed them that utility customers would also be able to view their utility bill online.

Adm. Roberts gave an updated report on the construction of the wastewater treatment plant addition.

Administrator Roberts asked Council for guidance concerning the Weed Ordinance. She explained that we have lots in town that have high grass that need to be mowed and lots that have natural vegetation. She inquired as to how staff should interpret the ordinance and that we needed to remain consistent on the enforcement of the ordinance. After discussion, it was the consensus of Council that Attorney Smith revise the weed ordinance and address lots with natural vegetation.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF LATE FEE BILLING - WAYNE LESSMANN

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Mr. Lessmann was not present.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE SENS ACTIVITY CENTER BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to reappoint Joyce Grebe and Lelton R. "Bob" Bruce and appoint Harold Remmert to the Sens Activity Center Board for the term April 16, 2002 – April 15, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELLVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to re-appoint Charles Holmes and Ilse Pfeffer to the Bellville Housing Authority Board for the term April 16, 2002 – April 15, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN COUNTY REGARDING SUBDIVISIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLVILLE'S EXTRA-TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to adopt the agreement entitled "Interlocal Agreement Governing the Regulation of Subdivisions Located within the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Bellville" as presented by Attorney Smith.

Motion carried unanimously. Said agreement gives the City of Bellville exclusive jurisdiction to regulate subdivision plats and approve related permits in the extraterritorial jurisdiction and may regulate subdivisions under Subchapter A of Chapter 212 and other statues applicable to municipalities.

Interlocal Agreement will be presented to the Austin County Commissioner's Court for their approval.