

May 20, 2003

AGENDA OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
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Rev. Minell Winn led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen David Ottmer, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller,

O. William "Bill" Schmidt and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. City Attorney Charley Smith was absent and Alderman James A. "Jim" Bishop was absent due to illness.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA
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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 MEETINGS
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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2003, Special Meeting of April 22, 2003, and Special Meeting of May 7, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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Mr. John Conley of the Bellville Independent School District appeared before Council and informed them that BISD was attempting to purchase the Krueger property (100 acres) on Schuman Road. Mr. Conley also added that he would address issues and concerns with Council in regards to annexation of property, utilities, etc. at a later date.

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7. 7. OATH OF OFFICE ISSUED TO ELECTED OFFICIALS
CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION ISSUED TO ELECTION OFFICIALS

City Secretary Susan Rosinski issued the Oath of Office to newly re-elected Mayor Philip B. Harrison and Alderman O. William "Bill" Schmidt and Alderman Michael S. "Mike" Mueller.

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

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Alderman Mueller stated that the four way light at Hacienda and State Highway 36 South was not always working properly and asked that a letter be written to the State Highway Department to correct the problem.

Alderman Ottmer stated the left turn lane signage at State Highway 159 East and State Highway 36 (S. Front) be placed at a different location to enable drivers of motor vehicles satisfactory time to be informed of a left turn lane before crossing the railroad tracks.

Alderman Ottmer asked that consideration be made to extend the city limits on State Highway 36 N and State Highway 36 South.

It was the consensus of Council to address the improperly working light and the need for signage at this time in letter to the Texas Department of Public Transportation.

Alderman Schmidt announced that the Bellville Public Library had 4,473 visitors for the month of April. Schmidt also announced that the Library had received the following grants: \$1,000.00 from the

Bluebonnet Society, \$8,836.00 from the Tocker Foundation and \$25,000.00 from the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Alderman Schmidt stated that he had previously announced that the noon whistle would be up and working. Administrator Roberts interjected that the aluminum pole that was recently priced to hold the 400-pound whistle was \$10,000.00 and that we are trying to find a pole that is reasonably priced. Adm. Roberts added that we are currently waiting on a price for a concrete pole. Alderman Schmidt also stated that he believed Attorney Smith had found some type of siren over the Internet.

Alderman Schmidt asked as to the location of the six, decorative, metal stars at the City Park. He stated that there had been six stars donated and at this time there were now only two. Administrator Roberts stated that the stars had been vandalized and that others have been ordered to replace them.

Alderman Schmidt reported that Alderman Bishop had three melanomas removed from his back and was doing well.

Alderman Browning asked to see the total number of days it took to construct the new wastewater treatment plant facility.

Alderman Browning also inquired as to what type of preparation was used on the street prior to painting the stripes.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council of the following:

The stars that Alderman Schmidt had previously commented on had been ordered approximately one and one-half weeks ago.

The wastewater treatment plant should be completed in next couple of weeks.

A demonstration of the mobile meter-reading unit will be on May 22nd.

The new Police Chief will be sworn in on June 2nd at 9:30 a.m.

Natural gas prices will drop this month from \$20.63 to \$12.16 per Mcf.

The Heritage Gathering was great, the square looked very nice and there were many people in attendance.

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10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELVILLE ECONOMIC CORPORATION BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Mueller to re-appoint Wayne Browning and Kenneth Stein to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. Motion carried unanimously. The term is retroactive December 19, 2002 – December 18, 2004.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE SENS ACTIVITY CENTER BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to appoint Leroy Grebe, Sr. to the Sens Activity Center Board. Motion carried unanimously. The term is an un-expired term beginning May 20, 2003 – April 15, 2004.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Mueller to appoint Alderman Schmidt as Mayor Pro – Tempore. Motion carried unanimously. Term of appointment will expire May of 2004.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION OF MARQUEE SIGN PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Mueller not to participate in the marquee sign project at this time with San Bernard and LCRA. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Miller of San Bernard had recently inquired as to whether the City wished to share in one-third of the cost of a marquee sign. The cost for a one-sided marquee was \$5656.66 and a two-sided marquee \$10,000.00.

14. 14. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH THE BOY'S AND GIRL'S CLUB AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to approve the Service Contract/Agreement between the Boys and Girls Club of Bellville and the City of Bellville as presented by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Said contract is for one year beginning June 1, 2003 and ending May 31, 2004. Contract states that the first of every month, beginning June 1, 2003 the City shall pay the Club \$1666.67.

15. FINALIZATION OF COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH AUSTIN COUNTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Joint Resolution between the City of Bellville and Austin County in regards to emergency management. Motion carried unanimously.

16. PRESENTATION BY SPENCER WENDT REGARDING BROADBAND FOR BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Mr. Spencer Wendt of Broadband Country Networks, LLC appeared before Council and presented information regarding Broadband Internet Services for Bellville. Council instructed Administrator Roberts and Mr. Wendt to discuss this information further.

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17. CONSIDERATION OF MEADOW VIEW ESTATES AND ANY RELATED ACTION

NECESSARY

Administrator Roberts presented surveyor copies of the proposed Meadow View Subdivision.

Mayor Harrison asked that Council make a decision as to whether or not Ron Bryant, developer of the subdivision needed to comply with the current Subdivision ordinance in regards to the need for a drainage plan.

After discussion (see tape for details), a motion was made by Alderman Mueller to not require Ron Bryant to have a drainage plan for Meadow View Subdivision. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. As there was no response, Mayor Harrison called for a second vote. Mayor Harrison called for a third vote. Motion died.

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to have Ron Bryant present a drainage plan for Meadow View Subdivision. Mayor Harrison called for a vote.

Alderman Ottmer, Schmidt and Browning voted aye and Alderman Mueller voted nay. Motion carried.

18. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

Open Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER SECTION 551.04 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Executive Session convened at 6:35 p.m.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

21. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

Open Session re-convened at 8:30 p.m.

22. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

23. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.