

JULY 17, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tempore James A. "Jim" Bishop at 5:35 p.m.

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Schmidt 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 David H. Ottmer, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller, and O. William "Bill" Schmidt; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Alderman Wayne Browning arrived at 6:08 p.m. Mayor Philip B. Harrison was absent.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2001 and Special Meeting of July 03, 2001 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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Mr. James Bruce appeared before Council to voice his concern regarding non -handicapped persons parking in handicapped parking areas in private lots and asked if the City could help in solving this problem. Mayor Pro-Tempore Bishop informed Mr. Bruce that the City would certainly look into this situation.

Mr. Phil Taylor of the Austin County Citizens' Law Enforcement Academy appeared before Council and gave details about the Academy. He informed Council that the Academy was formed to educate citizens of the county and to assist agencies with fundraisers in order to supplement city budgets. Mr. Taylor also informed Council that a class will begin on August 28, 2001 and invited them to attend.

Mr. Buck Hayden appeared before Council and voiced his concern over the changes that had recently been made at the Sens Activity Center. Administrator Roberts informed Mr. Hayden that the changes were made due to auditor's recommendations and to comply with State laws.

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

Alderman Otmer informed Council that the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board has voted to issue a moratorium and will not accept any grant requests until the Bellville Economic Development budget is approved.

Alderman Mueller announced that an Open House is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Bellville Public Library in honor of librarian, Alice Neel's retirement.

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

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No reports were given.

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9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF DRAINAGE PROBLEM ADJACENT TO BIG "A" AUTO PARTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – HENRY GRAWUNDER

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Mr. Henry Grawunder of Big "A" Auto Parts appeared before Council and discussed the flow of water that enters his shop and store located at the corner of North Mechanic and E. Hill Street during a heavy rain. He inquired as to whether the drainage of water could somehow be diverted so it would not enter his shop and store. Mayor Pro-Tempore Bishop informed Mr. Grawunder the City would study the area's drainage.

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10. CONSIDERATION OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELLVILLE AND COLORADO VALLEY TRANSIT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – VASTENE OLIER

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Ms. Vastene Olier, Director of Colorado Valley Transit appeared before Council and informed them that the deviated bus route service will begin in September, 2001. Ms. Olier asked for Council consideration of an updated service agreement between the City of Bellville and Colorado Valley Transit District. She also asked for Council to consider assisting with the following: parking spaces to accommodate 6 – 8 buses, office space, fueling location to facilitate bulk purchases, electricity to the bus shelters, and City clean up of bus amenities in the City right-of- ways. After discussion, a motion was made by

Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to authorize the Mayor to sign the Service Agreement with Colorado Valley Transit District after it is reviewed and Attorney Smith makes the necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Olier and Administrator Roberts are to meet and discuss ways in which the City can assist Colorado Valley Transit.

11. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION LOCATED ON NORTH HOLLAND STREET;
REQUIRED VARIANCES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY- R. BAKHT

Mr. Ray Bakht, Dr. Diaz of Seda Company in San Antonio and Mr. Bob McDaniel appeared before Council and presented them with a revised plat of the proposed Holland Square Subdivision. He also gave them a flood plain map of the plat and the cost difference between asphalt and concrete streets which was between \$30,000. and \$40,000. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to accept the revised plat as presented with the exception that concrete be used instead of asphalt for streets. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF FENCING FOR SWIMMING POOLS AND ANY RELATED ACTION
NECESSARY

Code Enforcement Officer Frank Rodriguez appeared before Council and presented them with a list of in-ground swimming pools provided by the Austin County Appraisal District and a copy of the 2000 International Building Code regarding swimming pool enclosures. After a short discussion; it was the consensus of Council that certified letters be mailed to swimming pool owners notifying them that the City will enforce the International Building Code, Section 3109 entitled "Swimming Pool Enclosures". It was also the consensus of Council that all spas have a cover. Swimming Pool owners will have ninety days from the date of receipt of the certified letter to comply with the above section of the International Building Code. Attorney Smith is to draft a notice.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.