

November 19, 2002

MINUTES 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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Pastor Ross Worch led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen Wayne Browning, O. William "Bill" Schmidt, James A. "Jim" Bishop, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller, and David Ottmer. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Secretary Susan Rosinski, and City Attorney Charley Smith.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2002 and Special Meeting of October 23, 2002 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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Jerome Peters appeared before Council and said that he hoped when new members were appointed to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board it would be people willing to work for the BEDCB. He also hoped that the letter from Council giving guidance to the BEDCB would include the Board's purpose, procedures, and the expenditure and management of funds.

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

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Alderman Bishop was happy that the temporary banners on some buildings had been removed.

Alderman Browning gave Council some information he had recently obtained from the Houston-Galveston Area Council's annual meeting. He also announced that HGAC had elected officers and the board now included a State Representative.

Alderman Schmidt inquired about the Chamber of Commerce in regards to the status of the Old Police Department building located on West Main.

Alderman Ottmer was glad to see that some drainage problems had been fixed.

Alderman Browning inquired as to why the street striping in town had not begun.

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

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Administrator Roberts announced that Wastewater Superintendent Arlie Kendrick was moving into the office at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and that we were reaching the point where we could switch from the old equipment to new equipment.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF AIRPORT LEASE AGREEMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to approve the Airport Lease Agreement with Henry and Alberta Grawunder. Motion carried unanimously. The approved agreement calls for a two-year term rather than a five-year term as requested by Henry Grawunder.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to appoint Robert Simpson, Nancy Allen and Warren Scott, Sr. to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Simpson's and Ms. Allen's terms are November 19, 2002 – December 17, 2004 and Rev. Scott's term is November 19, 2002 – December 17, 2003.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF BLUEBONNET GROUNDWATER DISTRICT FEES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to pass to our water utility customers the fees charged by the Bluebonnet Groundwater District. Motion carried unanimously. The Bluebonnet Groundwater District proposal was placed before voters in the November election confirming the creation of the Bluebonnet Groundwater District; therefore the City of Bellville will now be required to pay a monthly fee for water pumped from city water wells.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL DEALING WITH ABSENCES AND COMPENSATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Attorney Smith asked for clarification regarding this item and then was directed by Council to draft an amendment. This item was then passed over; it will appear on next month's agenda.

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13. CONSIDERATION/ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO SIGN ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the amendment to the Sign Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously. The amendment to the Sign Ordinance governs banners and signs and/or placards.

14. ANNEXATION BY REQUESTS OF PROPERTY OWNERS (FELDTMAN AND MALINOWSKI) AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to annex four tracts of land into the City of Bellville. Motion carried unanimously. Those tracts of land being owned by Earnest and Barbara Feldtman (.75 acres), Mary Wilson Kennell Trust (100' wide tract), Frank Monk (100' wide tract), and Edwin Malinowski – Southcreek Crossing Subdivision (Section I, consisting of 6.96 acres).

15. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt Ordinance #1211 entitled, "An Ordinance Amending Article 3.700 of the

Bellville Code of Ordinances Requiring an Architect or Engineering Seal in Certain Instances and Renumbering the Section". Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION OF LETTER TO BEDCB AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Attorney Smith asked for additional guidance in preparing the letter to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board.

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Alderman Mueller suggested that a workshop be held in conjunction with the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

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

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This item was passed over, as Mayor Harrison needed to speak with the members present. The Mayor announced he would appoint board members on Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

18. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.