

NOVEMBER 20, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. 3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

Lynn S. Roberts and City Attorney Charley Smith. City Secretary Susan Rosinski was absent due to illness.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt 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 Ottmer to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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No one was present that wished to address council.

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

Alderman Browning reported presented Council with an informational brochure that he received while attending the Houston-Galveston Area Council meeting November 15.

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

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Police Chief Jerral Johnson introduced patrolman, Jason Reel.

Administrator Roberts informed Council that LCRA had recently notified her that the fuel cost adjustment was on the decline. Citizens will see a little relief on their December 1 utility bill and she anticipates a little more relief on the January 1 utility bill.

Adm. Roberts reported that the work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant began on November 12.

Administrator Roberts also announced that Mrs. Kathryn King would be the new Head Librarian for the Bellville Public Library. Mrs. King will assume her duties on December 3, 2001.

Adm. Roberts gave Council a report on pool owners and whether or not they had come into compliance with Health and Safety regulations. She informed them that there were owners that had made the necessary changes, owners that were currently working on compliance regulations and some had done nothing to meet the necessary requirements. Those pool owners that had done nothing to meet the requirements will be turned over to the Municipal Court and letters will be written. Those pool owners not complying will have charges filed in Municipal Court.

Administrator Roberts advised Council that Code Enforcement Officer Frank Rodriguez and representatives from the State Fire Marshal's Office had inspected Bellville High School and the Boys & Girl's Club. Each site

had numerous violations. A written report from the State Fire Marshal's office regarding violations will be received within 10 days.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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- a. a. LSG Sheetmetal – Andrew and Susan Leschper submitted an application and requested \$50,000 in order to open a sheetmetal business. A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Bishop to accept the recommendation of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board and grant funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 to Andrew and Susan Leschper. Motion carried unanimously. Funds are to be expended from the ½ % Sales Tax.
- b. b. Bellville Convention Center – The Bluebonnet Society of Austin County, Austin County Fair Association and the County Commissioners of Austin County submitted an application and requested \$63,600.00 from the BEDCB to transform the current Fair Association Exhibit Hall into a convention center. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Mueller to accept the recommendation of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board and grant funds in the amount of \$63,600.00 for improvements to the Fair Association Exhibit Hall. Motion carried unanimously. Said funds are to be expended from the ½ % Sales Tax. Alderman Mueller stated, "This is the BEDCB at it's best. This is an excellent project and an excellent asset to the City, people in Bellville will utilize this for years to come."

10. 10. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2002 DIGGER DERRICK AND CHASSIS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to award the bid for a 2002 Digger Derrick to Hermann International of Brenham in the amount of \$119,509.00. Motion carried unanimously.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2002 BUCKET TRUCK AND CHASSIS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to award the bid for a 2002 Bucket truck and chassis to Hermann International in the amount of \$104,505.00. Motion carried unanimously

12. 12. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE 16.000 (F) OF THE BELLVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE COST OF POLES FOR SECURITY LIGHTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Bishop to amend Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article 16.000 (F) of the Bellville Code of Ordinances. Motion carried unanimously. Current fee schedule allows the city to charge of one-time fee of \$105.00 if a pole should need to be installed for a security light. The amendment would allow the city to charge customers the most current cost of poles.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE CITY PARKS BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Philip Harrison appointed Mr. Rodney Hackemack to the City of Bellville Parks Board for the term November 20, 2001 to October 15, 2003. Mr. Hackemack fills the expired term of Mrs. Gana Marek.

14. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #1184R AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION TO TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt Resolution #1184 authorizing the application to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Motion carried unanimously.

15. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

Open Session adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE UNDER 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND APPROPRIATE ACTION

Executive Session convened at 6:10 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

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Executive Session adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

18. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

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Open Session re-convened at 6:36 p.m.

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

No action taken

20. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.