

January 23, 2007

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rev. Warren Scott led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Alderwoman Carol H. Courville, Aldermen Monte D. Richardson, James A. "Jim" Bishop, and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Betty Hollon. Alderwoman Margaret Kistler was absent.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the agenda with the exception the Executive Session would be skipped. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderwoman Courville and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 19, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one was present that wished to address Council.

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

Mayor Harrison presented a proclamation to Betty Hollon, City of Bellville, 2006 Employee of the Year.

Alderman Richardson commented on the police department's professionalism on a recent situation.

Alderman Browning inquired about the status of the street lights where the city limits signs are located and about the ramp in front of Michelle's Jewelry.

Attorney Smith reported on the drainage issue at the intersection of S. Masonic and Hacienda. He recommended the City take no action to remediate this problem due to the fact the City did not play a role in diverting any water.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council the stop stripe on Main Street by Newman's Bakery had been moved back and equipment has been moved in at Clark Park to begin dirt work and Phase II bids are presently being accepted.

9. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT BID PRESENTED BY AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to accept the \$1,500 bid from the Austin County Appraisal District for Property R03756, Home Improvement Club, Lot 9. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Bishop and Richardson, and Alderwoman Courville voted aye, Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

10. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1342 CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 12, 2007 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to accept Ordinance #1342 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 11.300 OF CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

Administrator Roberts recommended the City no longer accept co-signors and suggested deleting subsection (b). A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to amend Article 11.300 of the City Code of Ordinances governing Consumer Utility Deposits by deleting subsection (b). Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Richardson and Bishop and Alderwoman Courville voted aye and Alderman Browning opposed. Motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION REGARDING BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION JOB CREATION INCENTIVE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO SEACON ADVANCE PRODUCTS

Carolyn Gibson of the Bellville EDC asked Council's approval for a \$40,000 job creation incentive grant. Ms. Gibson reported Seacon had a 1.3 million dollar payroll and currently employed 30 employees. The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to approve the \$40,000 grant to Seacon Advance Products. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session cancelled. Agenda items 13 through 17 passed over.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Richardson to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.