

February 20, 2007

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Monte D. Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to adopt the agenda with the exception that item #9 follow item #14. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2007 and the Special Meeting of February 13, 2007 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Yulonda Turner addressed council regarding sanitary easement on Hickory Street.

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

Alderman Bishop commented on lights around the square and asked that Mr. Swansey be contacted and asked to remove the Optimum Fitness Sign.

Alderwoman Courville asked about the 2006 Audit and about tree removal at Clark Park.

Alderman Browning commented on the crosswalk in front of the City Cleaners.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Richardson asked that City Attorney Smith write a policy regarding temporary electric hook-ups.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council the bore had been completed under the tracks at Mechanic Street and crews are continuing dirt work at Clark Park. She also informed council that she and the supervisors are looking at future needs for Bellville and would be submitting a report to Council of future projects after election.

9. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR CLARK PARK PHASE II – GENERAL PARK CONSTRUCTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE #1344 APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR MAY 12, 2007 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to accept Ordinance #1344 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT FOR ELECTION SERVICES WITH AUSTIN COUNTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderwoman Courville and seconded by Alderman Browning to accept the contract with Austin County for leasing the AutoMark machine for the May 12th election at the fee of \$100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2006 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to approve the 2006 Racial Profile Report as presented by Chief Matthews. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF THREE (3) GENERAL ORDERS FOR BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING COMPUTER SECURITY, USE OF FORCE BY OFFICERS, AND ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CITY VEHICLES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Chief Matthews presented three (3) General Orders for the Bellville Police Department: (1) Computer Security (2) Use of Force by Officers (3) Accidents Involving City Vehicles. The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Browning to accept the three orders as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATION OF ABATEMENT FROM BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Property 2007-01 was recommended by the Building Standards Commission for abatement. The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Bishop that property be abated. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION OF STREET WARRANTY INSPECTOR

The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Bishop to use O'Malley to provide a qualified, certified inspector for warranty work on streets. Alderman Browning and Alderwoman Courville were opposed. Mayor Pro-Tempore Richardson voted aye to break the tie. Motion carried 3 to 2.

16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.