

June 20, 2006

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

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Richardson to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 16, 2006, Regular Meeting of May 16, 2006 and Special Meeting of May 22, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Jerome Peters signed up to speak on agenda item number eleven and later declined.

Rusty Gregor and Don Mahlmann of S. Masonic Street appeared before Council and voiced their concern over drainage at E. Hacienda and S. Masonic Streets. Mr. Mahlmann mentioned during a rainstorm on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> water entered the back of his home. Mahlmann stated he was not looking for compensation; but a solution to the drainage problem.

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

Alderman Kistler gave fellow Council members sample evaluation forms for the City Attorney and City Administrator. Alderman Kistler explained she would like to see the City Attorney and City Administrator evaluated on an annual basis. Council will fill out the evaluation forms and review in an Executive Session.

Alderman Kistler stated she has been approached by citizens in regards to hurricane preparedness. Administrator Roberts explained Chief Larry Matthews is the Emergency Management Coordinator and the City of Bellville is under Austin County's Emergency Management Plan. Adm. Roberts added the City has recently purchased a used light tower to aid in night traffic control and utility reconstruction in the event of an emergency situation. Roberts also stated a generator on a trailer has also been purchased to run the lift station.

Alderman Browning mentioned there are ditches not cleaned in areas and some ditches still cannot receive water.

Alderman Browning commented that something needs to be done to alleviate the parking problem on the town square. Mayor Harrison stated that he is in hopes that parking problems on the square will be alleviated should Austin County purchase an annex located behind Brookshire Brothers.

Alderman Browning stated that restrooms on the square are needed during Market Days and mentioned placing restrooms on electrical department property.

Alderman Richardson commented that funds left over from the street project could be used at E. Hacienda and S. Masonic Streets.

Alderman Courville responded to rumors circulating in regards to her residency and also inquired as to Mayor Harrison's residency.

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

Wastewater Superintendent Arlie Kendrick gave an updated report on the wastewater project.

Chief Larry Matthews informed Council he has submitted his annual report on racial profiling and an audit has been conducted. The audit indicated information was being entered correctly by the clerk. Browning inquired as to how the officers' record and whether videos were reviewed.

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Harrison appointed Alderman Monte D. Richardson as Mayor Pro-Tempore through the May 2007 municipal election.

10. CONSIDERATION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR USED MOTOR GRADER AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Administrator Roberts informed Council that we have currently been leasing a motor grader from R.B. Everett for projects and at this time R.B. Everett does not wish to lease the motor grader any longer. Administrator Roberts stated as this machine is used on a daily basis it would be advantageous to possibly purchase a motor grader. Roberts added that R.B. Everett has submitted a quote in the amount of \$54,000.00 to purchase the motor grader we have been leasing; but as required we would have to take sealed bids should the Council agree to purchase a motor grader.

A motion was made by Alderman Courville to authorize the City Administrator to advertise for bids for a used motor grader. Alderman Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF EQUIPMENT CONTROL POLICY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Administrator Roberts presented a proposed plan for tracking of city inventory. A discussion was held and a decision was made to produce our own spreadsheets for inventory, start inventory tracking at \$500.00 and to track current fiscal year and the two prior fiscal years.

12. DISCUSSION OF STREETS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers presented cost estimates of streets in need of repair as identified by Street Superintendent Frankie Hoppe. After discussion, Mayor asked Mr. Kankel to also submit figures to correct the drainage problem at S. Masonic and E. Hacienda and the unpaved section of Pecan Street to Hickory Street up to the bridge. This item will be placed on next month's agenda.

13. CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCE FOR TRENCH BURN AT CLARK PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Administrator Roberts explained due to the cost of hauling and disposing of debris at Clark Park the Parks Board has requested a variance in order to trench burn. A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning to grant a variance to the Parks Board for a trench burn at Clark Park. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #1327R AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve Resolution #1327R which authorizes Kerbow and Associates to proceed with the submission of the 2007/2008 Texas Community Development Block Grant application for wastewater Collection System Improvements. Motion carried unanimously.

Grant will only fund low income areas. Application will be presented to fund wastewater collection system improvements on Austin, S. Lincoln, S. Hilliard, S. Thomas, S. Church, S. Fields and W. Meyer Streets.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BUILDING STANDARD COMMITTEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Harrison stated he wished to appoint Pastor David Henske of the Luthern Church as a member of the Building Standards Committee and asked for a volunteer from Council to fill the other position. Alderman Kistler volunteered. A motion was made by Alderman Courville and seconded by Alderman Browning to appoint David Henske and Margaret Kistler to the Building Standards Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION OF BELLVILLE GOLF AND RECREATION CLUB'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

As the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board declined the Bellville Golf and Recreation's application this item was not necessary and was passed over.

17. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:55 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 55.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE TO WIT THE CITY ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT

Executive Session convened at 7:00 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

20. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 7:31 p.m.

21. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

22. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE TO WIT THE CITY ELECTRICAL SUPERINTENDENT ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

23. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.  
Motion carried unanimously.