

JULY 15, 2008

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Derek Anderson, Douglas Lottridge, Joe Ed Lynn and James Harrison; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Secretary Betty Hollon and City Attorney Charley Smith.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM (*Any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Council.*)

Melanie Boyte addressed Council regarding ADA issues.

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

City Attorney Charley Smith reported he has been in contact with Melanie Boyte's attorney and progress is being made. Letters have been delivered by the Police Chief to all merchants around the square advising them to make sure there is a 4 ft. clearance on the sidewalk.

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

Administrator Roberts reported she has designated City Attorney Charley Smith the ADA Coordinator regarding the current ADA issues. Administrator Roberts also reported on the street project, previously-approved repairs at the Sewer Plant, and a proposal was accepted from Gerry Williams to demolish the house at 248 W. Austin. Police Chief Larry Matthews introduced new officers Chris Rosales, Sabrina Billiot, and Marco Ramonda. Officers Smalley and Hood were also recognized for their recent promotions.

9. DISCUSSION OF USE OF SOCCER FIELDS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY
– ROBBIE WILLIAMSON

Mr. Van Williamson spoke to Council regarding his concern for usage of the soccer fields in Bellville. No action taken by Council.

10. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL FOR AUDITING SERVICES FROM SEIDEL,
SCHROEDER & COMPANY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Browning to accept Seidel, Schroeder & Company's three-year proposal for auditing services contingent upon annual allocation of funds. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE DATE OF AUGUST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Council agreed to change the Regular Meeting for August from the 19th to the 28th.

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING PLACEMENT OF A STOP SIGN ON SOUTH HOLLAND AND
ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

13. PRESENTATION BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REPRESENTATIVE AND ANY
RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Bill Vogel with Habitat for Humanity gave Council a brief report of a future project consisting of a small subdivision of approximately 5 or 6 lots located on Highway 159 West. No action required from Council.

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING ARTICLE 2.100-RABIES CONTROL, ARTICLE 3.1200-
SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS, ARTICLE 6.200-WEEDS, GRASS, BRUSH AND OTHER
IMPURE AND UNWHOLESOME MATTER, ARTICLE 7.100-JUNKED VEHICLES AND
ARTICLE 10.100-TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Amendments to three ordinances were presented to Council by City Attorney Charley Smith.

1. Article 2.100 Rabies Control – The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to amend the Rabies Control Ordinance as presented by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Article 3.1200 Substandard Buildings – The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to amend the Substandard Buildings Ordinance as presented by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Article 7.100 Junked Vehicles – The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Anderson to amend the Junked Vehicle Ordinance as presented by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendments regarding Article 6.200 –Weeds, Grass, Brush and other Impure and Unwholesome Matter and Article 10.100 – Traffic Regulations will be discussed at next month's meeting by Attorney Smith.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.