

September 19, 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

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A 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 Bishop to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2006. Mayor Harrison called for discussion. Alderman Courville stated under agenda item number ten, the third sentence; she would like to see that she suggested to the Council that we seek other (audit) firms because of an unsatisfactory report received from the firm we hired in 2005. In addition to the original motion; the motion was to include with necessary changes. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Delwin Rettig commented on the lack of curb appeal driving in on Hwy 529 at the City Park area.

Carolyn Gibson read the first reading of a resolution for a grant for the BEDC Community Improvement Project.

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

Alderman Richardson commented on the appearance of the Austin County Courthouse and the need for a joint community effort between the County, City and citizens to beautify the Courthouse.

Alderman Richardson mentioned he has a concern regarding tree removal at Clark Park. Alderman Courville stated free trees could be obtained from LCRA. Mayor Harrison informed Council he and the Administrator had recently met with Texas Parks and Wildlife at the Clark Park location and they had agreed they would minimize the number of trees removed. Alderman Richardson stated he would like to see an ordinance presented on the protection of trees within the city. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Alderman Browning stated the grass at the old pool property is in need of cutting and had noticed the railing was still in place. Alderman Bishop commented he had recently measured and will draw plans for new facilities.

Alderman Courville stated she was disappointed the Mayor had not placed the audit item on the agenda.

Alderman Courville commented the Boys and Girls Club expenditure was still in the budget. Alderman Courville stated she would like the Club to have a list of volunteers helping with the children and presented an example of a log/sign-in sheet. Alderman Kistler disagreed with this suggestion and stated it was not our job to manage the Club. Alderman Courville disagreed. It was suggested this item be placed on the next agenda. Alderman Courville stated she would also like the audit on the agenda.

Alderman Courville inquired as to whether Council would be interested in a short presentation on annexation given by LCRA representative Chris Holtkamp. Council was in favor and this item will be placed on the next month's meeting agenda.

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

Administrator Roberts announced there would be a groundbreaking ceremony at Clark Park in November.

Lt. David Blakey introduced new police officer, Sheri Maldonado.

Wastewater Superintendent Arlie Kendrick updated the Council on the progress made on line construction.

Alderman Browning inquired as to what has been done since the city tour in regards to cracking streets. Administrator Roberts responded O'Malley Engineers will either be in attendance or send a written report by next meeting.

9. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Harrison announced the budget hearing and asked for public comment. No one in attendance wished to comment.

10. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson to adopt the 2006-2007 budget. Alderman Kistler seconded the motion. Mayor Harrison called for discussion. Alderman Courville stated she did not believe the additional fifty dollars was needed in the Administrator's car allowance. After discussion, Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Richardson, Kistler, Bishop and Browning voted aye and Alderman Courville was opposed. Motion carried.

11. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2006 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning to adopt Ordinance #1330 adopting the tax rate of 0.3107 cents (per \$100.00 valuation) which is the effective tax rate for 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2007 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Courville volunteered to be the alternate representative of the Houston-Galveston Area Council. A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Courville to appoint Wayne Browning as representative and Carol Courville as alternate representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council 2007 General Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BELLVILLE LIBRARY BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Courville to appoint Jessica Laas to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Laas will replace Melissa Osborne. The unexpired term is September 19, 2006 – December 19, 2008.

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning to appoint Denise Haugen to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Haugen will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Andrew Lienhard with the unexpired term being September 19, 2006 – December 19, 2006.

15. FIRST READING OF RESOLUTION BY BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR GRANT REQUESTS FROM HOTEL WAYNE AND BELLVILLE GOLF & RECREATION CLUB; SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION BY BEDC FOR FUNDING OF BEDC COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Carolyn Gibson read the first reading of a resolution for Hotel Wayne and Bellville Golf and Recreation Club grant requests and a second reading for the BEDC Community Improvement Project grant request.

16. CONSIDERATION OF BEDC EXPENDITURE FOR GRANT TO AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION/AUSTIN COUNTY FOR AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CONVENTION AND EXPO CENTER ROOF AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Carolyn Gibson of the Bellville Economic Development informed Council the BEDC has approved \$32,000.00 of the original \$67,000.00 application to the Austin County Fair Association/Austin County contingent upon both contracts being executed.

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Courville to approve a \$32,000.00 expenditure to Austin County Fair Association/Austin County for the Austin County Fair Convention and Expo Center roof. Motion carried unanimously.

17. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BEDC EXPENDITURE FOR BEDC COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Courville to approve the expenditure of \$25,000.00 for the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Community Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Delwin Rettig commented on the two readings of the resolution at the same a public hearing.

18. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop and seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.