

October 24, 2006

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The agenda was not adopted.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. Ellis Hudgins representing the Austin County Civic Chorale extended an invitation to Council to attend a special concert honoring veterans to be held in the sanctuary of St. John's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 12, 2006.

Marilyn LaRose commented on the Bellville Golf and Recreation Club's economic development grant application.

Mr. Delwin Rettig appeared before Council and addressed his concern over granting Hotel Wayne economic development grant funds.

Mrs. Yolanda Turner of 312 W. Chatham addressed Council regarding her concerns over the maintenance of the street in front of her home.

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

Alderman Richardson inquired as to whether a work order had been made for the culvert at Mechanic and Avenue A.

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

Administrator Roberts announced free admission to the Recycling Center for Fall Clean Up which is October 23 – November 4.

Adm. Roberts informed Council the bailer for the Recycling Center has been received, the building is ready, and the wiring process for the bailer has begun.

Adm. Roberts informed Council the Clark Park Groundbreaking Ceremony will be held in mid November.

9. PRESENTATION BY LCRA REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS HOLTKAMP IN REGARDS TO ANNEXATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was passed over and will be placed on the November meeting agenda.

10. CONSIDERATION OF STREET PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers appeared before Council and discussed street repair opinions he had prepared. Street repair areas numbered two through four were discussed. Members of Council also discussed problems in relation to the street project with Mr. Kankel and Street Superintendent Frankie Hoppe. Points discussed included possible base failures which are under warranty, lack of supervisory and inspection personnel, and a meeting to include Alderman Browning and Mr. Kankel at the problem sites.

After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Richardson for O'Malley Engineers to prepare a bid package with one and one-half inch hot mix and also double coarse seal coat for area number two (Chatham Street – S. Masonic to Pecan St. - Chatham to Hickory Street; Hickory Street – Pecan to City Limits (Creek), area number three (N. Front Street – North Matthews to East Glenn; East Glenn Street – North Front Street to North Holland Street – Single Course Only on 300' of East Glenn), and area number four (North Hunt Street – West Glenn Street to last project near Palm Street) with alternate items. Alderman Courville seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BELLVILLE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning to reappoint Betty Hollon, Warren Scott and Rodney Hackemack to the Bellville City Parks Board for the term October 24, 2006 – October 23, 2009. Mayor Harrison called for a vote, Aldermen Bishop, Browning, Kistler and Richardson voted aye and Alderman Courville was opposed. Motion carried.

12. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

As requested at the last meeting, information was obtained from the City of Brenham as to what the City requires from the Boy's and Girl's Club prior to the Club receiving funds. This information was included in the Council's informational packet.

David LaVassar of the Bellville Boys and Girls Club provided a copy of a sign in sheet.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Courville to abate the property identified as 2006-11 and 2006-12 as recommended by the Building Standards Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION OF AUDITING FIRM FOR CITY OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Kistler to authorize the request for proposals for a new auditing firm. Alderman Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION OF IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Bishop prepared drawings of a pavilion along with amenities to compliment the Veteran's Memorial in the City Park at the site in which the swimming pool had been located. Alderman Bishop presented Council with a letter. Ald. Bishop proposed completing the construction in phases and suggested Phase I being demolition of the old buildings on site. Administrator Roberts informed Council Superintendent Klump could begin demolition of the buildings right away.

A motion was made by Alderman Browning to demolish the buildings and then review the proposed new improvements. Alderman Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Roberts mentioned a \$25,000.00 LCRA grant we could possibly qualify for to defray costs.

The consensus of Council was to obtain a cost estimate for the park.

16. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF CLARK PARK FINAL PLAN AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the final park plan of Clark Park. Motion carried unanimously.

17. DEDICATION OF OPEN SPACE AT CLARK PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Courville to authorize the dedication of open space (3.329 acres) in Clark Park. Alderman Browning seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

18. SECOND READING OF RESOLUTION BY BEDC FOR GRANT REQUESTS FROM HOTEL WAYNE AND BELLVILLE GOLF & RECREATION CLUB

Carolyn Gibson, Executive Director of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation read aloud the second reading of the resolution regarding application for a grant from the Bellville Economic Development Corporation for Hotel Wayne and Bellville Golf and Recreation Club.

19. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE BY BEDC FOR GRANT REQUESTS FROM HOTEL WAYNE FOR RESTORATION AND RENOVATION TO HISTORIC HOTEL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Carolyn Gibson informed Council the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board has approved \$50,000.00 of the original \$100,000.00 grant request from Hotel Wayne. Ms. Gibson added this is pending approval of a contract with both parties.

After comments by Council, a motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Courville to grant the expenditure of \$50,000.00 to Hotel Wayne. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Bishop, Browning, Courville and Kistler voted aye and Alderman Richardson was opposed. Motion carried.

20. CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE BY BEDC FOR GRANT REQUEST FROM BELLVILLE GOLF & RECREATION CLUB FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Carolyn Gibson informed Council the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board has approved \$11,500.00 of the \$19, 120.00 request which was the second application presented by Bellville Golf and Recreation Club. Ms. Gibson stated the grant was approved pending approval of a contract with both parties.

Mr. Reese Turner, representative of the Bellville Golf and Recreation Club commented on the request and answered questions.

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to approve \$11,500.00 as recommended by the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Bishop, Browning, Kistler and Richardson voted aye and Alderman Courville was opposed. Motion carried.

21. CONSIDERATION OF TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A draft copy of a Tree Protection Ordinance prepared by Attorney Smith was reviewed. Consensus of Council was to table this item until next meeting.

22. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO FIREWORKS ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Courville to adopt Ordinance #1337 - Governing the Storage of Fireworks as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Browning made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.