

October 18, 2011

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt the agenda after striking items 14 – 18 as recommended by Mayor Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2011 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.)*

Delwin Rettig of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation read the first public readings of two BEDC projects: (1) A project to purchase and install the Stephen F. Austin statue at the intersection of Highway 36 North and Highway 159 West and (2) A project to enter into a contract with KGA DeForest for design and construction management services related to Phase I of Downtown Improvement Project.

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

Alderman Browning commented on the many dead trees in the area and Alderman Lynn commented on flying the flags around the square on weekends and purchasing a paper shredder for Recycling Center.

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

Administrator Roberts reported the Fall Cleanup is currently underway and Assistant City Administrator Jackson advised dead trees are being removed and water pumpage is down.

9. AUTHORIZATION TO BID NEW WATER WELL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Due to the Mayor's relationship with J & S Water Wells, the Mayor excused himself and turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro-Tempore Douglas Lottridge. Administrator Roberts informed council that Wells #4 and #7 have both gone down and asked Mr. William Krueger of Jones & Carter to completely handle the entire process of bidding a new well. Mr. Krueger advised Council of two options (1) conventional drilling of new well or (2) lease arrangement with driller. The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Browning to authorize Mr. Krueger to proceed in pursuing permits and easements and all steps up to deciding which way to bid. Motion carried unanimously.

10. INITIAL PRESENTATION BY BEDC REGARDING PROJECT TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATUE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Browning to authorize BEDC to proceed with applying for grants for funding Stephen F. Austin statue. Motion carried unanimously.

11. INITIAL PRESENTATION BY BEDC REGARDING PROJECT TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH KGA DEFOREST FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATED TO PHASE I OF DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Monte Byrd of the BEDC spoke to Council of the Phase I revitalization Downtown Improvement Project. No action taken.

12. CONSIDERATIONS OF APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BELLVILLE PARKS BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the appointments of Mike Mueller, Mark Montgomery and John Grube to the Bellville Parks Board for a three year term commencing October 16, 2011 and ending October 16, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.