

February 18, 2014

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

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

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn 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. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Joe Ed Lynn, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, James Harrison, Wayne Browning, Don Allphin, Alderwoman Donna Jacob; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Shawn Jackson 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 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Allphin to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 21, 2014 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.*)

Mr. Robert Winkelmann representing the Austin County Fair Association spoke to Council regarding the ball fields at the City Park. The Austin County Fair Association would be interested in acquiring this property from the City.

7. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/ COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY (DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO STATEMENTS OF POLICY OR STATEMENTS OF FACTUAL MATTERS, OR THE REQUEST THAT A MATTER BE PLACED ON THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA)

Alderwoman Jacob requested a follow-up on old business be included in the City Administrator's Report. Alderwoman Jacob also inquired on public restroom signage and asked for additional lighting at the mini-park restroom area. Alderman Allphin informed Council he would be absent at the April Meeting. Alderman Browning asked about the concrete poles and status of ditch cleaning.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the swings have been installed at the City Park, the new bucket truck is due to arrive in June, and a security light has been installed at the Sen's Center.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2012-2013 ANNUAL AUDIT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the 2012-2013 Annual Audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF FORMULATION OF PROCEDURE FOR EVALUATION OF CONTRACTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

After discussion, it was agreed that Council would periodically be given copies of several contracts for their review.

11. CONSIDERATION OF MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN TXDOT AND CITY OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Harrison and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the Municipal Maintenance Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance prepared by TXDOT outlining the responsibilities of both the State and City to maintain a safe and satisfactory highway system within the corporate limits of the City. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO ABANDON EASEMENT AT AVENUE "C" AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to abandon the easement at Avenue "C". Motion carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 5:56 p.m.