

JULY 16, 2013

CITY OF BELLVILLE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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 QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Joe Ed Lynn, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, James Harrison, Wayne Browning and Don Allphin, Alderwoman Donna Jacob; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, Assistant City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Mayor Lynn announced Agenda Item 12 would be omitted; after this change the motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to adopt the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION 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 June 18, 2013 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. Delwin Rettig encouraged Council to take affirmative action on Agenda Item 15.

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

Alderman Browning reported the bridge on Austin Street needs improvements and was concerned of dead tree limbs in the City that need attention. Both Alderman Browning and Alderwoman Jacob expressed concern for playground equipment at the City Park.

8. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM ADMINISTRATOR/STAFF

Assistant City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported on the completion of Turnverein roof replaced due to hail damage and starting in August the City Utility bills will have a new look.

9. DISCUSSION OF STREET STUDY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve Option A of the street improvement project totaling \$884,180. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF EDC'S BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Pat Burns of Bellville EDC requested Council's approval of the Business Improvement Project with a budget of \$15,000 a year whereby businesses would apply for matching funds capped at \$2,000 from the EDC to spruce up their store front. The motion was made by Alderwoman Jacob and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the EDC project subject upon obtaining an opinion letter. Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION OF CITY'S FIVE-YEAR PLAN AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Lynn suggested a workshop in October or November to discuss the five-year plan for the City of Bellville.

12. DISCUSSION OF "NO SMOKING" ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was omitted.

13. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to award the bid for bank depository services to First National Bank of Bellville for the three-year term beginning October 1, 2013 and expiring September 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON STREET EASEMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Allphin and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to establish an ordinance vacating and abandoning any easement interest they may have for possible extension of Granville Street south of Luhn Street and Lewis Street west of South Masonic. Alderman Lottridge abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

15. CONSIDERATION OF PETITION FOR MANDATORY INJUNCTION REQUESTED BY BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

City Attorney Charley Smith addressed this item regarding property at 522 S. Masonic. He informed Council the Building Standards Commission had met and agreed this property was declared substandard. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to file a mandatory injunction on this property. Motion carried unanimously.

16. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:47 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, OR DUTIES OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE TO WIT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Executive Session convened at 5:50 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

20. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, OR DUTIES OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE TO WIT THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn announced the retirement of City Administrator Lynn Roberts effective September 30, 2013. Mayor Lynn then recommended Assistant City Administrator Shawn Jackson be appointed the new City Administrator effective October 1, 2013. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to appoint Shawn Jackson the new City Administrator. Motion carried unanimously.

21. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Wayne Browning to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.