

JANUARY 20, 2015

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, Don Allphin, Wayne Browning and Alderwoman Donna Jacob; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve 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 Harrison to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 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.*)

Barbara McCollum spoke to Council concerning fire safety in commercial buildings.

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

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn acknowledged the fine work of the many employees working on the major water leak on Main Street. Alderman Allphin informed Council he had attended the "Swearing In" Ceremony for Senator Lois Kolkhorst.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the new trucks have arrived for the Electric and the Water Departments. Mr. Jackson also reported the sewer project on S. Masonic will begin Wednesday, January 21st and continue into February.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2013-2014 ANNUAL AUDIT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Michele Kwiatkowski of Seidel, Schroeder presented the 2013-2014 Annual Audit to Council. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the 2013-2014 audit. Mayor Joe Ed Lynn called for the vote. Voting aye were Aldermen Lottridge, Harrison, Allphin and Alderwoman Jacob. Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

10. DISCUSSION REGARDING BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to amend the Boys and Girls Club contract by allowing them 150 days instead of 90 days to submit audited financial statements. Mayor Lynn called for the vote. Alderman Lottridge, Harrison and Browning voted in favor. Opposed were Alderman Allphin and Alderwoman Jacob. Motion passed.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING OUTSOURCING SANITATION SERVICES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Jacob and seconded by Alderman Lottridge for the City Administrator to develop specifications for a bid package for outsourcing sanitation services. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2014 ANNUAL TRAFFIC CONTACT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Allphin to approve the 2014 Annual Traffic Contact Report as presented by Chief Larry Matthews. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1491 CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 9, 2015 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt Ordinance #1491 calling for a General Municipal Election on May 9, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

14. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:14 p.m.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

Executive Session convened at 6:20 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

17. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:39 p.m.

18. CONSIDERATION OF DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to take bids for the vacant lot (old Police Department property) on S. Harris. Motion carried unanimously.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.