

February 27, 2018

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN COUNCIL AND EDC

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR LYNN/CITY COUNCIL  
Mayor Joe Ed Lynn called the Council to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER BY PAT BURNS/EDC  
Pat Burns called the EDC to order at 5:00 p.m.
3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE  
Alderman Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.
4. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM OF COUNCIL  
Present-to-wit: Mayor Joe Ed Lynn, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, James Harrison, Clay Kistler, Wayne Browning and John Moore; thereby a quorum was established.
5. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM OF EDC  
Present-to-wit: President Pat Burns, members Annye King, Danny Jacob, Garrett Dornon, Delwin Rettig, Paul Jones and Reesa Ueckert; thereby a quorum was established.
6. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA  
The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Delwin Rettig to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
7. UPDATE ON TURNVEREIN PROJECT  
Mr. Pat Burns and others spoke on Turnverein Project. EDC will have a Public Hearing at their March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
8. UPDATE ON QUIET ZONE  
Mr. Burns reported we are waiting to hear from Federal Railroad Association and are still in the informal stage.
9. UPDATE ON STORE FRONT GRANT PROGRAM  
The grant application process has been modified per Mr. Burns. Comments were made regarding signs downtown and the Main Street Project.

10. UPDATE ON AIRPORT

Comments were made regarding the need of remodeling the terminal with restrooms a priority. Discussion was held regarding “does Bellville need an airport” and possibly at a different location. Most felt a good airport would benefit Bellville and would be an economic benefit to the City. The hiring of airport consultants was mentioned. Comments regarding the lease were also discussed.

11. FUTURE DIRECTION OF CITY

Discussion regarding the Turnverein Project and the fairgrounds being a big event center will bring visitors to Bellville. The lack of a hotel is a major issue. Alderman Moore passed out a handout regarding future direction of city, collection of city sales tax.

12. TAX ABATEMENTS/UTILITY ABATEMENTS/HOTEL PACKAGE

Most agreed a hotel would benefit Bellville. Reesa Ueckert commented on an “incentive package” to attract builders to Bellville. Tax abatements were discussed.

13. PROJECTS TO PURSUE

Mayor Lynn recommended having some mini-committees composed of EDC members and Council members of work on several above-mentioned topics.

14. OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS

Comments were made regarding resurfacing Masonic Street, grant for waterline replacement on Mechanic and possibility of City providing internet service.

15. CHALLENGES FACING THE CITY AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Ordinances must be enforced and a full-time inspector would benefit the City.

16. CLARK PARK DEBT

Debt can be paid off February 2021 (3 years) early.

17. EDC MISSION STATEMENT

Pat Burns commented the EDC is currently working on this.

18. ADJOURNMENT OF EDC

Pat Burns made the motion to adjourn the EDC.

19. ADJOURNMENT OF COUNCIL

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

