

JANUARY 21, 2020

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James Harrison led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor James Harrison, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, Clay Kistler and Arlie Kendrick, Alderwomen Donna Jacob and Cassie Janish; 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 Alderwoman Jacob and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adopt the agenda after excluding Item 9. Both commented they did not receive all information in time to prepare for tonight's meeting and both had unanswered questions. Mayor Harrison called for the vote. Voting in favor of excluding Agenda Item 9 were Alderwomen Jacob and Janish and Alderman Kendrick. Voting nay were Aldermen Lottridge and Kistler. Motion carried. Agenda approved after removing Item 9.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 17, 2019 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. Pat Burns, Richard Carroll, and Paul Jones spoke in support of the Turnverein Project.

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

Alderwoman Jacob reported she takes her job on Council seriously and expects all material to be in her packet. Alderwoman Jacob reported she attended the BVFD dinner and commented on their wonderful organization and inquired on credit card fees, delinquent accounts, abandoned vehicles and neglected properties. Alderman Lottridge recommended council members attend EDC meetings if possible. Alderman Kendrick commented on the removal of old utility poles and commented the new contractors on the water project are doing a good job.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the water project is proceeding and extension date is March 31st and estimation for retopping Masonic Street is due later this week, then the bid process will start.

9. CONSIDERATION OF EDC GRANT OF \$144,000 FOR ADDITIONAL RESTORATION WORK FOR BELLVILLE TURNVEREIN PAVILION RESTORATION PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This agenda item excluded from agenda.

10. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT A NEW RECORDING SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 55.021 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Jacob and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adopt a new recording system pursuant to Section 55.021 of the Texas Government Code with Austin County News Online, Inc. pending formal agreement drawn up by City Attorney Charley Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 2, 2020 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve Ordinance #1601 Calling for the General Municipal Election to be held May 2, 2020 to elect Alderman Positions #1, #3, and #5. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 4TH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the 4th Quarter Investment Report. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT OF \$32,064 NECESSARY TO ALLOCATE PROJECT FUNDS FOR STREET REPAIRS ON SOUTH TESCH STREET AFTER REPLACEMENT OF WATER AND SEWER LINES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the \$32,064 budget adjustment necessary to allocate funds for street repairs on South Tesch. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2019 BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the 2019 Bellville Police Department Annual Report as presented by Chief Larry Matthews. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO 911 BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to reappoint Sandra Alaniz to the Austin County Emergency Communications District (911) Board for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.087 TO DELIBERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072 DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

20. CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY AND DELIBERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

21. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.