

JANUARY 15, 2002

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Revered Warren Scott led all in the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison and Aldermen David Ottmer, James A. "Jim" Bishop, O. William "Bill" Schmidt and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present was City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Alderman Michael S. "Mike" Mueller was absent due to a death in the family.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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There were no citizens that wished to address Council.

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

Attorney Smith informed Council that in the summary judgment regarding the Washington-Watts civil rights case it was determined that the City did nothing wrong.

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

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Administrator Roberts informed Council that Superintendent Klump was having surgery on January 16, 2002 and would be in the hospital approximately nine days and would be off approximately two months.

Adm. Roberts informed Council that contractors had begun work on the small building at the wastewater treatment plant. She also stated that the contractors had run into an underground spring and therefore it has become necessary to raise the elevation of one of the units three feet.

Adm. Roberts informed Council that we had recently been checking on health insurance with Texas Municipal League and would report our findings hopefully by the next Council meeting.

Adm. Roberts advised Council that the Electrical Department had recently mounted security lights on poles in the alley behind City Hall. These lights will provide illumination of our water plant.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to re-appoint Ian Bader and Betty Johnson and appoint Neville Kemp Remmert to the Bellville Public Library Board. Motion carried unanimously. Term is to be retroactive January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2004.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1190 CALLING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 4, 2002 AND ALL RELATED PROCEDURES

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt Ordinance #1190 calling for a Municipal Election on May 4, 2002. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was also made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Bishop to appoint Caroline Kemper as the Presiding Judge and Betty Johnson as the Alternate Presiding Judge for the May 4, 2002 General Election. Motion carried unanimously.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH WESTSIDE NARCOTICS TASK FORCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Attorney Smith recommended the City enter into an agreement with the Westside Narcotics Task Force. He went on to say that the Task Force had greater resources and supervision by the Texas Department of Public Safety. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to enter into an agreement with the Westside Narcotics Task Force. Motion carried unanimously

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12. 12. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

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Open Session Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE UNDER 551.072 TO DELIBERATE THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION

NECESSARY

Executive Session convened at 5:47 p.m.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

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Executive Session adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

15. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

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Open Session re-convened at 6:20 p.m.

16. CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION NECESSARY

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No action taken.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.