

April 15, 2003

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

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

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception that agenda item number sixteen follow agenda item number eight and the emergency addendum follow item number sixteen. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2003, Special Meeting of March 25, 2003, and Special Meeting of April 1, 2003 as presented with the exception of the following. A correction is be made to the March 18, 2003 minutes as follows: agenda item number seven – "the property donated by the McCombs" should actually read, "the property donated by the McLains". Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Jerome Peters discussed areas regarding the Economic Development Corporation.

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

Mayor Harrison announced that he had recently spoken with John Mumme and was informed that he (Mumme) had been appointed President of the 911 Board and Mr. Otis Haynes was now Executive Director.

Mayor Harrison informed Council that he had received a letter from the Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride Assoc. informing him that the ride raised a total of 6.2 million dollars in this one-day event. Mayor Harrison also stated that the funds are spent in 143 counties, which include Austin County, and eighty cents of each dollar raised goes to the advancement of eliminating multiple sclerosis.

Alderman Ottmer stated that the Police Department property was in need of some repairs. The following are repairs mentioned: rotten wood and seals need to be replaced near the ground area, handicapped access needs railing, concrete sidewalk needs railing replaced, rear door trim is to be installed, and sewer vents need to run to the roof. Alderman Schmidt stated that the front steps needed a better appearance and water (natural spring) was seeping from the ground in an area.

Mayor Harrison reported that striping of the old police department parking lot would be completed as soon as the arrangement of parking spaces was determined.

Alderman Browning inquired about the new railing on the high curbs along the square and striping. He also asked about the status of demolition of abandoned homes. Mayor Harrison responded that there were no funds in this year's budget for demolition; but funds could be placed in the next fiscal year budget. Adm. Roberts also stated that notices of clean up had been sent to property owners through the Municipal Court.

Attorney Smith reported his findings regarding the Boys & Girls Club at which time Ellen Lancaster spoke. It was agreed that the Boys & Girls Club should be placed on the April 22nd Special Meeting agenda.

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

New patrol officer, Matt Walls was introduced.

Administrator Roberts commented on the following items:

The city had received a certificate for superior approval of outstanding water performance maintenance.

Maintenance was being performed on the town square, the old depot area, and Clark Park as to prepare for the Heritage Day Gathering on May 3rd.

The new wastewater treatment plant will be on line in approximately 30 days.

The noon whistle is now here and a pole is being engineered for placement of the noon whistle.

The Sonic and Sparkle Carwash construction is underway and the Las Fuentes Restaurant building permit has been approved.

Early voting will be April 16 – April 29 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO BELVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to re-appoint Dennis Diggs, Yessica Jimenez, and Cleide Aitken to the Bellville Housing Authority Board for the term April 15, 2003 – April 14, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE SENS ACTIVITY CENTER BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to re-appoint Patsy Faken, Ruby Koehn, and Jim Grounds and appoint Elizabeth Remmert. The term is April 15 – 2003 – April 14, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. The position vacated by the resignation of Grace Bruce will be filled at a later date.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF TOBACCO COMPLIANCE GRANT APPLICATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Browning to proceed with the Tobacco Compliance Grant Application. This grant would enable us to educate and raise tobacco awareness. Motion carried unanimously. A police officer will serve as the spokesman for tobacco awareness if the grant is funded.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION OF LIBRARY BUDGET AMENDMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Administrator Roberts explained that the library's budget was based on the previous years budget and in previous years the purchase of books had been purchased out of fines. These fines now come through the city budget. She explained that Kathryn King had asked for an increase in the city budget in the amount of \$6500.00. She also stated that this was not an increase in expenditures; this would only be an increase in the budget due to the way the paperwork was previously handled.

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to amend the budget in the amount of \$6500.00 for the purchase of library books. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE CONCERNING SILT FENCING AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers informed Council of the regulations regarding silt fencing in regards to the disturbance of topsoil. Mayor Harrison asked if the city was obligated to require contractors to have silt fencing in place. Mr. Kankel replied that this was a law required by the State. Attorney Smith and Craig Kankel are to confer regarding this issue and the need for an ordinance. Attorney Smith asked that this be placed on the June Regular Meeting agenda.

14. 14. CONSIDERATION TO ENTER INTO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATION, APPOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the Austin County version of the Emergency Management Plan along with the City of Bellville's Emergency Management Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

15. 15. CONSIDERATION OF VARIOUS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND REQUEST REGARDING SOUTH CREEK CROSSING SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Edwin Malinowski appeared before Council to update them on the Phase I of the South Creek Crossing Subdivision. Mr. Malinowski also inquired as to whether there would be any changes in the development of Phase II of the subdivision. Items also discussed were detention storage, storm water pollution plan, drainage plan and lot grading plan. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Mueller to allow Mr. Malinowski to proceed with Phase II of South Creek Crossing Subdivision as he had in Phase I of the subdivision.

Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Alderman Bishop, Ottmer, Browning and Mueller voted aye and Alderman Schmidt voted nay. Motion carried.

Engineer Craig Kankel suggested that a workshop be set to discuss the Subdivision ordinance that is currently in place.

16. 16. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF MEADOW VIEW ESTATES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Ron Bryant of A-Survey appeared before Council to ask for consideration of a revised plat of Meadow View Subdivision. A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Mueller to approve the Meadow View Subdivision plat contingent upon the approval of Engineer Craig Kankel. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDENDUM:

CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISION OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-10 OF THE CITY OF BELLVILLE PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Browning asked that the emergency response time of thirty minutes (as stated in Chapter 2, Section 2-10 – Residency Requirements) for superintendents be re-considered for future hires.

After discussion, Attorney Smith suggested that this item be placed on an agenda that was posted 72 hours as required. The consideration of residency requirements in regards to emergency response time will be placed on the Special meeting agenda of April 22, 2003.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.