

March 20, 2007

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen James A. "Jim" Bishop, Wayne Browning, Monte Richardson; Alderwomen Margaret Kistler and Carol Courville; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2007 with the exception of the following: Add to minutes under Item 7 that Alderwoman Courville inquired about tree removal at Clark Park. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Yulonda Turner addressed council regarding sanitary easement on Hickory Street.

Carolyn Gibson with the Bellville EDC read the first reading of a resolution regarding Mr. Gerry Williams, Owner of B&W Construction for a grant from the Bellville Economic Development Corporation.

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

Alderwoman Kistler asked about the skateboarding ordinance on city sidewalks.

Alderman Browning commented on street lighting at new city limits, drainage clean-up, future plan for the city, crosswalks, and refund checks.

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

Administrator Roberts reported to Council the street work project would be discussed by Bob Schmidt of O'Malley Engineers on Agenda Item 12.

9. CONSIDERATION OF COLORADO VALLEY TRANSIT UPDATE ON TRANSPORTATION SERVICE WITHIN AUSTIN COUNTY PRESENTED BY VASTENE OLIER AND ANY ACTION NECESSARY

Ms. Vastene Olier gave Council an update on bus service in Austin County. Ms. Olier is currently working on Exhibit A (bus route) and Attorney Smith informed Ms. Olier the agreement could not be signed until Exhibit A was presented. This item will be put on next month's agenda.

10. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2005-2006 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY SEIDEL, SCHROEDER AND COMPANY, LLP AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Michele Kwiatkowski reviewed the highlights of the 2005-2006 audit with Council. It was Council's decision to table this item till the next meeting. Ms. Kwiatkowski asked if there were any questions regarding the audit to please direct them to Administrator Roberts and if necessary she would forward them to Seidel, Schroeder.

11. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR PHASE II AT CLARK PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to accept the low bid from Gaeke Construction as recommended by O'Malley Engineers for Phase II of Clark Park. Motion carried unanimously. It was agreed by Council that when payment estimates for the Clark Park project commence, City Administrator Roberts would email council and allow 2 days for them to come by City Hall to review before processing payment.

12. PRESENTATION BY BOB SCHMIDT OF O'MALLEY ENGINEERS REGARDING STREET WARRANTY WORK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Schmidt presented Council with a report of street repairs completed by Cornerstone Paving and Construction.

13. CONSIDERATION OF POLICY REGARDING TEMPORARY ELECTRIC HOOKUPS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Bishop to accept the agreement drawn up by Attorney Smith with the exception of the request of Alderwoman Courville to restate on page 2 that the service line must be replaced or repaired "within 5 days". Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF BID RECEIVED BY AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS R03756, HOME IMPROVEMENT CLUB, LOT 9 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Richardson to table this item to next month's agenda with a report from City Administrator Roberts as to whether the School and County passed or declined the \$7,000 bid. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Alderman Browning, Alderman Richardson, Alderman Bishop, and Alderwoman Courville voted aye. Alderwoman Kistler was opposed. Motion carried.

15. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 1345R AUTHORIZING APPLICATION IN TEXAS YES! BOOTSTRAP BUCKS PROGRAM

The motion was made by Alderwoman Courville and seconded by Alderman Browning to authorize application of Resolution 1345R. Motion carried unanimously.

16. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Mayor Harrison announced they would adjourn and go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

Executive session convened at 7:32 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive session adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

20. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

21. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.