

August 28, 2008

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Lynn led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, Derek Anderson, Joe Ed Lynn, and James Harrison; thereby a quorum was established. Alderman Browning arrived at 5:18 p.m. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Betty Hollon. City Attorney Charley Smith arrived at 5:07 p.m.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 15, 2008 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.)*

Several citizens spoke regarding the BEDC budget.

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

No reports or requests from Mayor/Council or City Attorney.

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

Administrator Roberts reported the lights near the schools are being installed and the street project is progressing nicely.

9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2008-2009 BEDC BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to not accept the BEDC budget as presented but to have the Mayor appoint two members of Council and two members of the BEDC to revise problematic areas in the budget and present to Council at the next regular meeting in September. Mayor Richardson called for a vote. Aldermen Lottridge, Lynn, Harrison and Anderson voted aye. Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

10. CONSIDERATION OF GO TEXAN GRANT APPLICATION FOR SMALL TOWN CHRISTMAS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt Resolution #1380R authorizing application to the Go Texan Rural Community Bootstrap Bucks Program applying for a \$2,500 grant to offset costs associated with Small Town Christmas. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REQUESTING AUSTIN COUNTY NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON-BRAZORIA NON-ATTAINMENT AREA AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adopt Resolution #1379R requesting that Austin County not be included in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria non-attainment area. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT TOTALING \$8,876.00 FOR DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AT 248 W. AUSTIN AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Browning to amend the budget in the amount of \$8,876.00 for demolition and removal of all structures at 248 W. Austin. Motion carried unanimously.

13. BUDGET WORKSHOP

This item was passed on. A budget workshop will be held Tuesday, September 2nd at 5:00 p.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 5:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.