

October 16, 2007

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Joe Ed Lynn, Derek Anderson and Margaret Kistler; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn Roberts, City Secretary Betty Hollon and City Attorney Charley Smith. Alderman Lottridge was absent.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler 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 Lynn to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2007 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.)*

Carolyn Gibson of the Bellville EDC invited Council to attend a Sales Tax Training Seminar on December 7th in Austin and informed Council of upcoming events.

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

Mayor Richardson acknowledged the passing away of past Mayor, Henry Grawunder, who served as Mayor of Bellville from 1973 – 1975. Mayor Richardson also read a Proclamation honoring Municipal Court Week, November 5th – 9th, and called for a Special Meeting for Tuesday, November 6th where future city projects (Clark Park, street work, new library, etc.) will be discussed.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council she and Carolyn Gibson are working together for a possible solution for a skate park. Administrator Roberts also gave an update on Clark Park.

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BELLVILLE CITY PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adopt Resolution #1356R reappointing Ian Bader, Larry Chaney and Howard Bryant to

the Bellville City Parks and Recreation Board. The term is October 16, 2007 – October 15, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Kistler asked for brief biographies on future board members.

10. CONSIDERATION OF NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt Resolution #1357R nominating Mr. O. William "Bill" Schmidt (current member on board) as a candidate to serve as a representative on the Board of Directors for the Austin County Appraisal District. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richardson agreed to contact Mr. Schmidt to ask for reports and have him inform Council periodically as to what's going on.

11. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 3.1100 - HOUSE MOVING IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve Ordinance #1358 amending Article 3.1100 (House Moving) of the Code of Ordinances as presented by City Attorney, Charley Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TAXING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT

Public hearing to consider taxing tangible personal property in transit began at 5:56 p.m. No one present wished to address Council. Hearing closed at 5:57 p.m.

13. CONSIDERATION TO RECONSIDER ORDINANCE #1355 TAXING TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 11.253 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve Ordinance #1355 amending the City Code of Ordinances by adding Article 1.901 taxing tangible personal property in transit as presented by City Attorney, Charley Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.