

AUGUST 18, 2009

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 21, 2009 and Special Meeting of July 28, 2009 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.*)

No one present wished to address Council.

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

Alderman Browning commented on areas to be mowed in the City, Alderman Lynn reported on a situation regarding horses on Hacienda and Alderman Lottridge commented on complaints received regarding house on S. Holland.

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

Administrator Roberts announced a budget workshop will be held Tuesday, August 25th at 5:00 and reported progress has been made setting water and gas meters and the issue regarding streets seems to have been solved.

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION OF GO TEXAN RURAL COMMUNITY BOOTSTRAP BUCKS PROGRAM AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt Resolution #1401R Authorizing Application of Go Texan Rural Community Bootstrap Bucks Program. Motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION WITH AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REGARDING CITY PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Roy Mewis with the Austin County Fair Association presented Council with a proposal on how the property at the City Park can be utilized in the future. A motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to allow the Austin County Fair Association to use the ball field for parking this year during fair time and to allow Administrator Roberts to sign off on the agreement to be drawn up by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF TAX ABATEMENT POLICY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

12. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND ORDINANCE #695 – ARTICLE 10.200 TRAFFIC VISION OBSTRUCTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

13. DISCUSSION REGARDING SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. William Krueger of Jones & Carter, Inc. presented Council with a Preliminary Review Copy of the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. A workshop will be held at a later date.

14. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open session recessed at 5:55 p.m.

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

Executive session convened at 5:58 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive session adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

17. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

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

No action.

19. CONSIDERATION OF TXDOT CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY INCLUDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to authorize the City Administrator to contract with TXDOT for sidewalk improvements; specifically two projects: one being the sidewalk between City Hall and the County Extension Office and the other being in front of the Bellville Library and to amend the budget, line item 101-012-5-914.20 (sidewalks/ramps/improvements) in the amount of \$23,772.00. Motion carried unanimously.

20. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.