

March 18, 2014

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

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

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Joe Ed Lynn, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, James Harrison, Wayne Browning and Don Allphin, Alderwoman Donna Jacob; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the agenda after moving Agenda Item 9 after Agenda Item 14. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 12, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2014 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.)*

Mr. Danny Jacob of the Austin County Cruiser Car Club thanked Council and the City for their support during the Car Show on town square on March 8th. Mr. Jacob went on to say the event was very successful with over 300 participants.

7. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/ COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY (DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO STATEMENTS OF POLICY OR STATEMENTS OF FACTUAL MATTERS, OR THE REQUEST THAT A MATTER BE PLACED ON THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA)

Mayor Lynn thanked the City employees for their long hours of work due to the ice storm and commented on the cleanliness and good crowd at the recent Car Show. Alderman Browning and Alderwoman Jacob commented it is important for tree trimming to be done throughout the year as a preventative measure. Alderman Allphin informed Council of the home dedication for a disabled vet to be held Thursday, March 20th on Machedehl Drive.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the MS150 Bike Ride will be held April 12th. He also reported Spring Clean-up is currently happening in the City, baseball fields will be re-leveled at Clark Park later this summer and the City and County are teaming together for a grant for a new baler.

9. CONSIDERATION OF LEASE OF CITY PARK TO AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Robert Winkelmann of the Austin County Fair Association acknowledged his appreciation of the Council's consideration to lease the ball fields and working with them for improvements at the City Park.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDC EXPENSES OF \$3900 PLUS TRAVEL TO KGA DEFOREST FOR NEXT PHASE OF DOWNTOWN PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Jacob and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the EDC expenses of \$3,900 plus travel to KGA DeForest to begin the next phase of the downtown project. Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING TMRS RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF CITY EMPLOYEES BY TMRS REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY MILLS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Anthony Mills with Texas Municipal Retirement Services spoke to Council regarding the City's TMRS Retirement benefits.

12. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH SOLID WASTE GRANT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve Resolution 1480R authorizing the funding through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for solid waste grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO CANCEL MAY 10, 2014 GENERAL ELECTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the Cancellation of the May 10, 2014 General Municipal Election due to no citizens filing against current incumbents. Motion carried unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING FIREFIGHTING CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Council was given a copy of the current Firefighting Contract which expires September 30, 2014. Council will study the contract and discuss at a later date.

15. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:07 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 551.072 (DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY) AND 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY)

Executive Session convened at 6:11 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

18. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.