

September 23, 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, Wayne Browning, Don Allphin, James Harrison, 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 Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 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.)*

No one wished to address Council.

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)

Alderwoman Jacob inquired on setting a meeting with the Bellville EDC and Alderman Allphin mentioned vendors going home to home must have a permit to solicit. Alderman Browning mentioned alleys need cleaning and bridge on Austin Street needs concrete maintenance.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the old police station is ready for demolition and street project progressing and chip sealing will begin soon.

9. DISCUSSION REGARDING CAIMAN VEHICLE PLACED AT CITY PARK BY AMERICAN LEGION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Harrison and seconded by Alderman Browning to allow the Austin County Veterans permission to place a Caiman Vehicle at the City Park (slab where old city pool previously occupied). Alderwoman Jacob emphasized lighting the area is critical. Motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF ABATEMENT FROM BUILDING STANDARDS COMMISSION ON PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 2014-01(A), (B), (C), (D), 2014-02 AND 2014-03 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the recommendations of the Building Standards Commission for abatement of properties 2014-01A, B, C, and D, 2014-02 and 2014-03. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF 2013-2014 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the 2013-2014 Budget Amendments. Motion carried unanimously.

12. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Lynn opened the Budget Hearing at 5:22 p.m. No comments. The Budget Hearing closed at 5:23 p.m.

13. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to adopt the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget. Mayor Lynn called for the vote. Aldermen Lottridge, Harrison and Browning voted aye and Alderwoman Jacob and Alderman Allphin voted nay. Motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2014 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to adopt the 2014 Effective Tax Rate of .2591. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION OF THE FIREFIGHTING CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Five-Year Firefighting Contract effective October 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION OF THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the Contract between the City and the Boys and Girls Club of Austin County. The contract commences on October 1, 2014 and automatically renews annually unless terminated by either party. Mayor Lynn called for the vote. Aldermen Browning, Harrison, and Lottridge voted aye. Opposed were Alderwoman Jacob and Alderman Allphin. Motion carried.

17. CONSIDERATION OF THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the Lease Agreement with Habitat for Humanity for the office building located at 17 West Main. The Agreement renews automatically for annual periods unless terminated by either party. Motion carried unanimously.

18. CONSIDERATION OF THE AIRPORT CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

An Airport Advisory Board has been added to the Lease Agreement for Public Airport. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the five-year lease with Kay Hamilton commencing November 15, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

19. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:00 p.m.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OF EMPLOYEE

Executive Session convened at 6:03 p.m.

21. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

22. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:36 p.m.

23. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

24. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.