

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 Daniel Poffenberger led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Joe Ed Lynn, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, Clay Kistler, James Harrison, and Daniel Poffenberger; thereby a quorum was established. Alderman Wayne Browning was absent. 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 Harrison to approve the Agenda of the Special Meeting of September 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED 2016 TAX RATE (2ND OF TWO HEARINGS)

The Public Hearing opened at 5:02 p.m. No comments were made by the public. The Public Hearing closed at 5:03 p.m.

6. CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE WATER RATES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Discussion regarding increasing water rates was held between Council. It was recommended increasing inside city limit rates from \$1.80 to \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons and increasing outside city limit rates from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. Alderman Poffenberger made the motion to increase the inside rates from \$1.80 to \$2.30 and outside rates from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Alderman Kistler seconded the motion. Mayor Lynn called for the vote. Alderman Poffenberger, Kistler, and Harrison voted aye. Alderman Lottridge opposed. Motion carried.

7. BUDGET WORKSHOP

City Administrator Shawn Jackson presented Council with 2 budget options. Option A included the proposed tax rate, proposed water rate increase, insurance adjustments and Financial Advisor Position. Option B included the proposed tax rate and insurance adjustments.

8. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:16 p.m.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071
PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072
DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OR REAL PROPERTY AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT
CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION,
REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND TEXAS
GOVERNMENT CODE 551.087 TO DELIBERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Executive Session convened at 5:18 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

11. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 5:55 p.m.

12. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY, DELIBERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND DELIBERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action in Executive Session.

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to reconsider action regarding increase of water rates. Mayor Lynn called for the vote. Aldermen Lottridge, Harrison, and Kistler voted aye. Alderman Poffenberger voted nay. Motion carried. The floor was reopened for discussion. Alderman Lottridge stated our rates need to be more competitive and did not see the original increase as a burden. Alderman Lottridge then made the motion to increase water rates initially recommended (inside rates from \$1.80 to \$2.80 and outside rates from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons) and the motion was seconded by Alderman Harrison. Mayor Lynn called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.