

OCTOBER 16, 2018

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

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn 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, John Moore, Alderwomen Cassie Janish and 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

Item 13 was deleted from the Agenda. The motion was made by Alderwoman Janish and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2018 after removing Item 13. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 11, 2018 and the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018 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. 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)

Members of Council thanked employees who worked restoring power to those affected during the recent storm.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported bids for the Water Project are being tabulated and will be awarded at the November meeting and the County is hosting a hazardous waste and used electronic cleanup on October 27th at the Bellville Recycling Center. Finance Director Cathy Ezell reported the City's credit rating has been upgraded from an A+ to an AA-. She also clarified information handed out at last month's meeting concerning employee's salaries were not those of the Library personnel.

9. PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY BY BROWN REYNOLDS WATFORD ARCHITECTS

A presentation was given by Brown Reynolds Watford Architects regarding possible future newly constructed Police Stations.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the Austin County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to reappoint Alderman John Moore as the City's Representative of the General Assembly of the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the year 2019 and to reappoint Alderwoman Donna Jacob the Official Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDC BYLAWS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the EDC Bylaws after amending Section 2.4, Section 3.9 and Section 7.4. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDC GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was deleted from the Agenda.

14. DISCUSSION REGARDING RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Moore and seconded by Alderman Kistler to table this item until the Special Meeting to be held October 30th. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND PARKING ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderwoman Jacob would like the Parking Ordinance to be reviewed by Council. The motion was made by Alderwoman Janish and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to table until members of Council can inform City Administrator Shawn Jackson their suggestions. Motion carried unanimously.

17. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:31 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.087 TO DELIBERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS 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 SECTION 551.072 ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Executive Session convened at 6:34 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

20. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:58 p.m.

21. CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES, THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE, ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.