

NOVEMBER 19, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor James Harrison led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor James Harrison, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, Clay Kistler and Arlie Kendrick, 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

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2019. Alderman Kistler recommended deleting the wording "and any related action necessary" from Agenda Item 12. Only discussion and no action for tonight. Mayor Harrison called for the vote; voting aye were Alderman Kendrick, Lottridge, and Kistler and Alderwoman Janish. Voting nay was Alderwoman Jacob. Agenda adopted.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2019 and the Special Meeting of November 12, 2019 as presented. It was recommended to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 30, 2019 after adding the wording "per Legal Counsel's recommendation" on Item 7. Wording would now be: The meeting was then reconvened at 5:30 p.m. per Legal Counsel's recommendation to clarify the motion of Items 5 and 6. 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.*)

Joe Ed Lynn thanked City of Bellville employees for their dedication in repairing water lines in cold weather and getting electric power back on during recent outage.

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)

Alderman Kendrick requested a copy of the new airport lease and inquired on the completion of S. Masonic. Alderwoman Jacob requested Executive Session be added to all agendas and praised those involved with the Veteran's Day gathering.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the Airport Lease has been signed, the Library did receive the grant for computers, and he is waiting to hear back from the State regarding extension on Water Project.

9. CONSIDERATION OF EDC GRANT OF \$62,000 FOR ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING & STRUCTURAL WORK FOR THE APPLICANT "22 NORTH HOLLAND" AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the EDC grant of \$62,000 contingent upon the amount being guaranteed by the building owner as well. Attorney Smith recommended the motion be amended to ensure that the City get a signed copy of the lease that permits this type of renovation. Mr. Lottridge then amended his motion stating it was subject to a guarantee that all documentation and paperwork would satisfy Legal Counsel in protecting the City/EDC regarding the \$62,000. Alderman Kendrick seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE DRAFTING OF AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING AND IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN PROPOSAL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob authorizing the proceeding of implementing the Strategic Plan Project. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Kistler recused himself from the meeting. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to reappoint Alderman Clay Kistler to the Austin County Appraisal District's Board of Directors for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE

Council discussed possible changes to the Rules of Procedure for the City Council of the City of Bellville, Texas and it was recommended a review be done annually. Discussion and action will be at the next regular meeting.

13. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN AUSTIN COUNTY AND CITY OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Law Enforcement between the County and the City. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF BBG CONSULTING, INC. INSPECTION CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to accept the agreement with BBG Consulting, Inc. with increased inspection rates subject to BBG maintaining a better inspection log and replacing term "Building Official" with "City Administrator". Motion carried unanimously.

15. DISCUSSION REGARDING UTILITY RATES

Alderman Jacob questioned the usage increase on many customer accounts. City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the billing system and meters have been checked and show to be working fine. Alderman Kendrick commented on the high rates for water. He felt the big increase should not have been all at the same time.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.