

MAY 18, 2021

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code allows a meeting to which the public does not have access in certain limited instances. The Council may consult with their attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation. The Council may have a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. An open session is not required to consider evaluation, discipline, or dismissal of an employee unless there is a specific complaint or charge against an officer or employee and the employee or officer wants an open session. The purpose of the agenda is to give notice to the public about the item that will be considered. If any item on the agenda falls within the exceptions to the open meeting law, the Council has the right to adjourn the open session and convene a closed meeting. However, no action may be taken in an executive session. The Council will reconvene in open session before taking any action on an agenda item.

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

Mayor James Harrison 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 James Harrison, Aldermen Garrett Dornon, Clay Kistler, Arlie Kendrick, Wayne Browning and Alderwoman Ashley Slater; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2021 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Kendrick and seconded by Alderman Dornon to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2021 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 4, 2021 and the Special Meeting of May 11, 2021 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.*)

Six local citizens voiced concerns: Kent Smith, Danny Jacob and Deborah Allred commented on individuals operating businesses on city streets; and Kim Shoquist, Andy Murrell and Matt Bauerschlag commented on requested variances for potential subdivision at E. Hacienda.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported manual meter reading is nearly complete, a new phone service has been contacted for city hall and budget meetings will begin later this month.

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

Council thanked the city employees for their efforts during recent outages and Alderman Kendrick requested the dip and pothole at Luhn and S. Holland be looked at. Alderman Dornon asked for the request of RFQ's for real estate consultants be on the next agenda. Alderman Kistler inquired on the status of the gas situation. Alderman Browning expressed the importance of tree trimming.

9. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to appoint Tony Krueger to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board per the recommendation of Mayor Harrison. Motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION OF VARIANCES ON PROPERTIES IDENTIFIED AS 68665, 5994, AND 3817 AT E. HACIENDA

Mr. Josh Welch spoke to Council regarding property on E. Hacienda he would like to develop and asked for variances. Council had concerns regarding his requests and asked him to submit revised plans.

11. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE FOR ANNEXATION OF 57.3 ACRES AT E. HACIENDA AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE CONTROLLING THE PARKING OF INOPERABLE VEHICLES AND LONG-TERM PARKING ON A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Slater to have City Attorney Smith draw up a draft ordinance to be inserted with the next utility bill and to be put on the city website for public comments. This item to be on next month's agenda. A recess was taken at 6:36 p.m. Council reconvened at 6:45 p.m. The motion was made and seconded and Mayor Harrison called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES APPENDIX A FEE SCHEDULE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Dornon and seconded by Alderman Kistler to adopt the fee schedule as presented with the exception of now charging \$55.00 for residential irrigation permits and \$110.00 for commercial and removing the "per head charge" on irrigation systems. Motion carried unanimously.

14. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 7:01 p.m. Alderman Kendrick recused himself from Executive Session.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072 TO DELIBERATE THE ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

Executive Session convened at 7:04 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

17. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 7:18 p.m.

18. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

No action.

19. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.