

CITY OF BELLVILLE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 15, 2023

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

Mayor James Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, Council Members, Garrett Dornon, Monte Richardson, Arlie Kendrick, Ashley Slater and Betty Hollon; thereby a quorum was established. Also present was City Administrator Shawn Jackson and City Secretary Rachael Lynch and City Attorney Luke Cochran.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of August 15, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Dornon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting July 18, 2023, and Special Meeting August 7, 2023. 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.*)

Kim Shoquist wanted to thank Shawn Jackson and Council Members Monte Richardson and Betty Hollon for having the streetlight changed.

Joe Wolfskill informed Council of his concerns regarding the Downtown Sidewalk Revitalization Project. He stated that they were not notified of the project and does not like to outcome. Shelby Meadows also has concerns about the sidewalk project.

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

Shawn informed Council of permit training. He also informed Council of the Cover over the playscape at Clark Park.

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 Member Kendrick mentioned the Bellville Volunteer Fire Department Celebration at the Expo Building at the Fair Grounds. He inquired about the dead trees at Clark Park.

Council Member Hollon wanted to Congratulate the retirees Craig Edwards for 30 years of service, Amy Soefje for 20 years of service, and Scott Huffman for 25 years of service to the City of Bellville. She inquired about a check for a mower and ask about the donation for the Library for improvements.

9. UPDATE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Casandra Risner from Christensen Building Group gave a presentation on the progress of the Police Department Building.

10. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKS WATSON & COMPANY.

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Dornon to ACCEPT THE 2021-2022 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKS WATSON & COMPANY. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSENT AGENDA - ITEMS LISTED ARE OF ROUTINE NATURE AND MAY BE ACTED ON IN A SINGLE MOTION UNLESS REQUESTED OTHERWISE BY MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

(A) CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

(B) CONSIDER AND APPROVE A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

The motion was made by Council Member Dornon and seconded by Council Member Slater to approve the consent agenda items. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S PEDDLER AND SOLICITOR REGULATIONS.

The motion was made by Council Member Dornon and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S PEDDLER AND SOLICITOR REGULATIONS. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE 2023 PROPOSED TAX RATE. *CITY COUNCIL WILL TAKE A RECORD VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.*

The motion was made by Council Member Slater and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve the proposed tax rate of \$0.40390/\$100 valuation. Motion carried unanimously.
Record Vote - For: Council Members Hollon, Kendrick, Slater, Richardson, Dornon. Against: None

14. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023 PROPOSED TAX RATE.

The motion was made by Council Member Slater and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve the Public Hearing to be held on September 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE BELLVILLE TURNVEREIN PAVILION.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve the FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT PERTAINING TO THE BELLVILLE TURNVEREIN PAVILION. Motion carried unanimously.


City Attorney Luke Cochran left at 6:49 p.m.

16. 2023-2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP

17. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Dornon to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC
City Secretary



James Harrison, Mayor