

# CITY OF BELLVILLE

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 Slater and seconded by Council Member Dornon to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2023, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting August 15, 2023, Special Meeting August 22, 2023 and Special Meeting September 12, 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.)*

Lois Coan spoke about the upcoming Bellville 175 Celebration on November 4, 2023.  
James Elan spoke about Council consideration and decision making.

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

Shawn informed Council of Fall Clean-up and gave an update to the sidewalk project.

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 Richardson inquired about citizen communication regarding the sidewalk project. Council Member Slater wanted to remind everyone about National Night Out and the

opening of the New Police Department on October 3, 2023. Council Member Hollon inquired about closing S. Holland for Halloween.

9. PRESENTATION BY BISD ON LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANS AND POTENTIAL BOND ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2023.

Bellville ISD Superintendent Nicole Poenitzsch gave a presentation regarding LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANS AND POTENTIAL BOND ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2023.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BEDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MAIN STREET COLLECTIVE, LLC.

The motion was made by Council Member Slater and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve BEDC BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY MAIN STREET COLLECTIVE, LLC not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE BEDC BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BEDC BUDGET.

The motion was made by Council Member Slater and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve BEDC BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BEDC BUDGET. Motion carried unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE BEDC BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve THE BEDC BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CITY OF BELLVILLE BUDGET.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Slater to approve the ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 CITY OF BELLVILLE BUDGET. Motion carried unanimously.

14. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BELLVILLE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

The motion was made by Council Member Dornon and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve ORDINANCE # 1698 ADOPTING THE CITY OF BELLVILLE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Record Vote - For: Council Members Hollon, Kendrick, Slater, Richardson, Dornon. Against: None

15. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF BELLVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Slater to approve ORDINANCE # 1699, ADOPTING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF BELLVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, levying the no new revenue tax rate of \$0.26942 for the maintenance and operations of the City and the tax rate of \$0.11263 for the payment of principal and interest on all outstanding bonds and lease payments for a total combined tax rate of \$0.38205. Motion carried unanimously.

Record Vote - For: Council Members Hollon, Kendrick, Slater, Richardson, Dornon. Against: None

16. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The city council adjourned into executive session at 6:09 p.m.

Pursuant to § 551.086 - Texas Government Code – Certain Public Power Utilities; Competitive Matters, regarding the City of Bellville Gas Utility System Supply and Associated Competitive Matters.


17. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:**  
The city council reconvened into regular session at 6:18 p.m.

No Action was taken.

18. **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Slater to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC  
City Secretary

  
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James Harrison, Mayor