

CITY OF BELLVILLE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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 Harrison led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor James Harrison, Council Members Arlie Kendrick, Monte Richardson, John Conley II, Garrett Dornon and Betty Hollon; thereby a quorum was established. Also, present was City Secretary Rachael Lynch, City Administrator Shawn Jackson and City Attorney Luke Cochran.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Dornon to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025, 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 Notice of Cancellation for the Regular Meeting January 21, 2025 and minutes for the Special Meeting January 23, 2025. 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.*)

Royer Robert – Spoke about the status of 503 N. Mechanic and use of property.

Bridget Kourik - Spoke about concerns for the Battery Storage Plant just outside of the city limits.

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

Shawn informed Council that the Sens Center bathroom remodels are in progress. The Main Street water line replacement is scheduled to begin at the end of the month. The final numbers and street locations should be in soon for the ARPA Street Rehabilitation 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)

City Attorney Cochran, informed Council that they are limited since the battery storage plant is in the county. Council Member Richardson commended the Police Chief and Police Department for their communication. Council Member Dornon commended the Police Chief and Police Department for their communication. Council Member Kendrick commended the Police Chief and Police

Department for their communication. He also inquired about the tub grinder. Council Member Hollon mentioned the check register report was cut off and the general ledger was not on it. She inquired about the building permit software and asked for a building permit report. She would like to see some clean up at City Hall, pressuring washing, repairing the fence around air conditioning units and repair handrails.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2024 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT.

Police Chief Jason Smalley presented the 2024 Racial Profiling Report.

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Dornon to approve BELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT 2024 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT. Motion carried unanimously

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

The motion was made by Council Member Dornon and seconded by Council Member Conley to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** The city council adjourned into executive session at 5:53 p.m. PURSUANT TO § 551.071 - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING THE TWO SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AT 522 S. MASONIC AND 863 HWY 159 W., BELLVILLE, TX.

12. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** The city council reconvened into regular session at 6:35 p.m.

DISCUSSION REGARDING QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE FOR THE TWO SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AT 522 S. MASONIC AND 863 HWY 159 W. AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SCHEDULING DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES.

Council Member Richardson informed Ms. Horton regarding the property at 522 S. Masonic: Council would like to see a Statement of Work by March 11 with itemized timelines and line items cost with supporting documentation with a realistic timeline. For Electric, Plumbing, Gas, Structural Integrity including doors and windows. Council would like them to continue to improve the appearance of the property by removing the dead trees and debris from the backyard.

Regarding the Property at 863 Hwy 159W:

Council would like to see the quote for the demolition and timeline by March 11.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Hollon to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:



James Harrison, Mayor



Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC

City Secretary