

CITY OF BELLVILLE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 15, 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

Council Member Betty Hollon led all in prayer and Mayor Harrison led all in Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 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 minutes for the Regular Meeting March 18, 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.*)

Reesa Ueckert asked for better communication and giving notices regarding outages. Donna Jacob discussed her concerns and the impact BESS could have on the community. Donald Bleyl also had concerns regarding BESS. Amanda Teague wanted answers regarding the denial of her carport variance while others were approved.

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

Shawn informed Council that the Main Street water line replacement project is underway. There have been some problems with old/faulty valves that will not turn the water off on the main lines. Our employees are working with the contractor to complete the different crossings. Due to the water pressure, each crossing is taking a few days longer than anticipated. Our contracted tree trimmers will be in town the next two weeks. They will be trimming in Concordia and on W. Fisher.

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)

Luke Cochran mentioned that the City's current zoning regulations would ban battery energy storage systems (BESS) per the zoning use chart. Council Member Richardson would like to add an additional item to the agenda to help ban BESS. Council Member Kendrick commended the Water/Gas department on doing a great job. Clark Park restrooms are not clean. Council Member Hollon mentioned that the Clark Park restrooms are not clean, flower beds at City Hall looks good. Mayor Harrison thanked everyone, past and present council members and employees.

9. 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 4TH QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY
 - B. CONSIDERATION TO RE-APPOINT ELLA BROWNING, CHARLES HOLMES, DR. LORENZO MCFARLAND AND BRENDA RANDLE, TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.
 - C. CONSIDERATION TO RE-APPOINT SANDRA GILBERT, FAYE KLENTZMAN BEERY, RANDY CORNELL AND PAUL DORTON TO THE SENS CENTER BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.
 - D. PROCLAIM APRIL AS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

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

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE 2023-2024 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKS WATSON & COMPANY.

Jon Watson presented the Audit.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Conley to ACCEPT THE 2023-2024 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKS WATSON & COMPANY. Motion carried unanimously

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY.

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY. Motion carried unanimously

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MULTIPLE-USE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALLOWING THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Kendrick to approve A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO ENTER INTO A MULTIPLE-USE AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ALLOWING THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION CAMERAS IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY. Motion carried unanimously

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** The city council adjourned into executive session at 6:45 p.m.

PURSUANT TO § 551.072 - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE – DELIBERATION REGARDING THE PURCHASE, EXCHANGE, LEASE, OR VALUE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION: The city council reconvened into regular session at 7:26 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY.

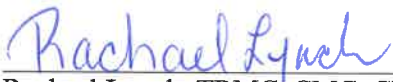
No Action Needed

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Kendrick and seconded by Council Member Hollon to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Arlie Kendrick, Mayor


Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary