

CITY OF BELLVILLE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OCTOBER 21, 2025

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

Mayor Arlie Kendrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Joel Crawford led all in prayer and Mayor Kendrick led the Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Richardson to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2025, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Dornon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting September 16, 2025, and Special Meeting September 23, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM *(Public comments are intended for matters that are not scheduled on the agenda. Please limit comments to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record. Be advised that the Texas Open Meetings Act prohibits the City Council from taking formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment on citizen comments. The law authorizes the following: make a statement of factual information, recite existing policy, advise that a subject be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. Members of the public shall not engage in shouting, unruly behavior, defamation, personal attacks, profanity, or threats of any kind. Comments of the audience shall be addressed to the Mayor and Council. Citizens who violate these rules will be asked to cease the violation and if the violation continues, will be asked to leave the meeting.)*

Hillary Kotwal addressed the council regarding a park improvement proposal that had been submitted for their consideration.

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

Shawn informed Council that the Parks Board met on October 2. Multiple projects were discussed for the Mini Park and Clark Park. The Board will meet again in the near future decide which projects to bring to Council for consideration. A pre-construction meeting for the Street Project is anticipated at the end of this month. After the meeting, we will have a better timeline for the project.

The next Zoning Commission meeting will be in November instead of December. There are two variance requests and a zoning change for the Historic District.

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 Conley appreciates the day-to-day work from the Streets and Park Departments. Council Member Hollon congratulates Austin County Fair participants; she thanked the Police Department for National Night Out. She also inquired about the financials, specifically the recycling department being over budgeted. Mayor Kendrick also thanked the Police Department for National Night Out and thanked the Austin County Fair participants. He also thanked the Gas Department – Ben, Nick, and Eddie for the Railroad Commission Compliance Audit.

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 3RD QUARTER INVESTMENT REPORT.**
- (B) **CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS OF ALRIE KENDRICK AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE AND MONTE RICHARDSON AS THE OFFICIAL ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**
- (C) **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN AUSTIN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF BELLVILLE.**
- (D) **CONSIDERATION TO RE-APPOINT LARRY MCCARTY, TOMMY MONK, DORIS HAGEN AND LARRY CHANEY TO THE PARKS BOARD FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2028 AND APPOINT HILLARY KOTWAL AND CHRIS PARKS TO THE PARKS BOARD FOR THE REMAINING THREE-YEAR TERM ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2027.**
- (E) **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO APPPOINT ARLIE KENRICK AS A DIRECTOR TO THE AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM.**

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

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** The city council adjourned into executive session at 5:45 p.m. for agenda item 10A.

The city council adjourned into executive session again at 6:07 p.m. for agenda item 10B.

- A. **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.**
- B. **PURSUANT TO § 551.074 – TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE – PERSONNEL MATTERS REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE – CHIEF OF POLICE**

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION.) The city council reconvened into regular session at 6:05 p.m. for agenda item 10A.

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AT 522 S. MASONIC AND 863 HWY 159 W. INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DIRECTION TO STAFF REGARDING SCHEDULING DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Conley to send the code enforcement officer out to 522 S. Masonic due to safety concerns and requested that the dumpster be moved to the back due to possible safety concerns; and to direct city staff to demolish the substandard structure at 863 Hwy 159 and add a lien to the property with the expenses the city incurs. Motion carried unanimously.

The city council reconvened into regular session again at 8:48 p.m. for agenda item 10B.


B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.


The motion was made by Council Member Dornon and seconded by Council Member Conley to authorize the Mayor, City Administrator, to begin negotiations and have the City Attorney draft an employment contract with Kevin Bellville as the Police Chief. Motion carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Hollon to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Arlie Kendrick, Mayor


Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary