

CITY OF BELLVILLE

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

January 20, 2026

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

Pastor Jay Graves from St. John Lutheran Church 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 Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Secretary Rachael Lynch and City Attorney Luke Cockran.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Dornon to approve the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026, 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 Conley to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting December 16, 2025, as presented. 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.)*

Tayvis Dunnahoe spoke about the recycle center closure to non-Bellville residents.
Christine Schnaudraff spoke about J Zeiske Park.

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

Shawn informed Council that the auditors will be on site the week of January 19 to complete their testing selections. The audit is still scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

The Street Project has begun, with work currently underway on Wendt Street. Construction will move next to W. Nichols and W. Chatham. Contractors for the S. Tesch reconductor project are expected to begin work the week of the 19th.

Police Chief Bellville announced the promotion of Joshua Solis to Patrol Sergeant and introduced new officers James Long and Seth Attaway, along with new cadet Haley Reese. Electric Department Crew Leader Bradley Conner introduced three new employees: Gunnar Mitchelle, Brian Lunsford, and James Stastny. Shawn also introduced the new Parks Department employee, Andrew Pfeffer.

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 Hollon asked about current job openings, the use of time clocks, and whether crew leaders could drive around to identify tree limbs in need of trimming. Council Member Hancock requested that the city lot on Curry Street be cleaned of trash and debris. Council Member Conley asked when TxDOT is scheduled to begin work on Main Street. Mayor Kendrick commended the Utility Departments for their work on Main Street.

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 APPROVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE BETWEEN AUSTIN COUNTY AND CITY OF BELLVILLE.

(C) CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT TAMMY SCHRADER TO THE SENS CENTER BOARD FOR THE REMAINING TERM ENDING MARCH 17, 2026.

(D) CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPOINT ROYAL ROBERSON TO THE 911 BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM ENDING JANUARY 01, 2027.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve the consent Agenda Items. Motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING THAT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING (3) ALDERMEN.

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Conley to approve the APPROVE ORDINANCE CALLING AND ORDERING THAT A GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING (3) ALDERMEN. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** The city council adjourned into executive session at 6:01 p.m. Council Member Dornon left and was not in executive session.

A. PURSUANT TO § 551.071 - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE – CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY REGARDING HACIENDA GROUP, LLC V. CITY OF BELLVILLE; 155th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS.

12. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION** (THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION.) The city council reconvened into regular session at 6:57 p.m.

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HACIENDA GROUP, LLC V. CITY OF BELLVILLE; 155th JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF AUSTIN COUNTY, TEXAS.


No Action taken.

B. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Hollon and seconded by Council Member Conley to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:


Arlie Kendrick, Mayor


Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC, CPM
City Secretary