

# CITY OF BELLVILLE

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 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

Council Member Conley 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 March 17, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Council Member Hancock and seconded by Council Member Hollon to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting February 17, 2026, 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.)*

Reverend J.R. Johnson spoke about a possible project and concerns about the Stephan F. Austin Monument.

Herschel Smith Spoke about Stephan F. Austin Monument.

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

Shawn informed Council that Tesch Street re-conductor project has been completed. All surveys for the GIS project have been completed. We should have our new system in approximately a month. There is free mulch at the Recycling Center until the end of March.

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)

Mayor Pro-Tem Richardson would like to add Reverend J.R. Johnson to the agenda.

Council Member Hancock followed up on truck route signs.

Council Member Hollon mentioned the Car Show had an excellent turnout and thanked everyone for participating. She would like the flower bed by the door at City Hall to be refreshed. She inquired about several checks. Mayor Kendrick inquired about the finances, the parking lot next door, the house on Hwy. 159, and the recycling truck. He would also like the storm drain grates cleaned.

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 RE-APPOINT TAMMY SCHRADER TO THE SENS ACTIVITY CENTER BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2028.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RE-APPOINT SIDRA RICHARDSON TO THE BELLVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ENDING APRIL 17, 2028.

C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE DECLARING UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES IN THE MAY 2, 2026, GENERAL CITY ELECTION ELECTED TO OFFICE AND ORDERING THE CANCELLATION OF THE ELECTION.

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

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKS WATSON & COMPANY.

Jon Waston presented the Audit to Council.

The motion was made by Council Member Richardson and seconded by Council Member Hollon to ACCEPT THE 2024-2025 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BROOKS WATSON & COMPANY. Motion carried unanimously

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A RESIDENT WANTING A FIRE LANE ON NORTH SIDE OF E. LUHN STREET FROM S. TESCH TO S. KENNY ST AND NO PARKING ON SOUTH SIDE OF E. LUHN STREET FROM S. TESCH TO S. KENNY ST.

Cindy Kenrick presented information regarding concerns about needing a fire lane and no parking. The City will require a letter from the Fire Chief recommending the fire lane. No Action was taken.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** The city council adjourned into executive session at 6:49 p.m.

A. PURSUANT TO § 551.086 - TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE – CITY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DELIBERATE, VOTE, OR TAKE FINAL ACTION ON A COMPETITIVE MATTER REGARDING THE CITY'S WHOLESALE POWER AGREEMENT WITH LCRA


**13. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION (THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION.)** The city council reconvened into regular session at 7:19 p.m.


No Action taken.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The motion was made by Council Member Dornon and seconded by Council Member Hollon to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**ATTEST:**

  
Arlie Kendrick, Mayor

  
Rachael Lynch, TRMC, CMC, CPM  
City Secretary