

March 18, 2003

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Burling led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen David Ottmer, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller, O. William "Bill" Schmidt and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present was City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Attorney Charley Smith and Betty Hollon. Alderman James A. "Jim" Bishop was absent due to illness and City Secretary Susan Rosinski was also absent due to illness.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception that the agenda item number ten follow agenda item number thirteen and the addendum item follow agenda item number eight. Motion carried unanimously.

5. 5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2003 and Special Meeting of February 24, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

No citizens were present that wished to address Council.

7. 7. REPORT OR REQUEST(S) FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY

Alderman Schmidt reported on the following items:

Alderman Schmidt reported that the Library had received a grant from Lower Colorado River Authority in the amount of \$25,000.00 and has also applied for a \$4,000.00 grant for shelving.

Alderman Schmidt informed Council that gas prices have increased from \$11.46 per MCF to \$13.05 per MCF.

Schmidt also reported on the following:

The electronic meter reading devices known as "fireflies" were very impressive.

Fencing is being installed on the property donated by the McCombs, which is adjacent to the library.

- We received a report from the State regarding racial profiling and were in compliance.

A visit was made to the wastewater treatment plant to view the new construction. The first change order was approved which was 1% of the cost.

Railings were being manufactured by the contractor and will be placed around the high curbing along the square.

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

- Administrator Roberts reported that the electric power cost adjustment would rise on the May 1st utility billing.

- ADDENDUM

- CONSIDERATION OF THE TEXAS PATHFINDERS YOUTH GROUP CAMP APRIL 17 – 20 AT THE CITY PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

- Ms. Susan Rathbone of the Austin County Fair Association appeared before Council to ask for their consideration in closing the entrances to the City Park. Ms. Rathbone went on to explain the Texas Pathfinders Youth Group which will consist of approximately 1900 youth and 300 adults will occupy the park on April 17 –April 20, 2003. She expressed that there had been some concern over traffic coming into the park during this time. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to close the two entrances to the City Park for this event. Motion carried unanimously.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF MEADOW VIEW SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – RON BRYANT

- Mr. Ron Bryant appeared before Council to ask for consideration of a revised plat to Meadow View Subdivision. A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the revised subdivision plat contingent upon the approval of engineer, Craig Kankel. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 10. REPORT FROM CRAIG KANKEL REGARDING STREET STUDY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

- Mr. Tim Robertson of O'Malley Engineers appeared before Council and presented the preliminary street study.

Mr. Robertson pointed out the following areas:

Forty percent of the streets were in need of replacement with the exception of Bell Oaks Subdivision; this subdivision is in need of approximately eighty percent replacement; this includes curb and gutter.

The water utilities were in fairly good shape and the sanitary sewer would need reconstruction.

The cost estimate for streets and utilities is \$5,375,265.00, which includes engineering and contingencies.

Mr. Robertston gave a cost estimate of \$642,000.00 for demolition of the water tower (600,000 gallon) on Highway 36 South and replacement of this water tower with a 300,000 gallon tower.

Mr. Robertson gave a cost estimate on a new water well and modification to the control system in the amount of \$493,000.00.

Total estimate for water system improvements is \$1,135,000.00.

Graphic design estimates is \$5,000.00.

Mr. Robertson also informed Council that the city had eighteen lift stations to upgrade and twelve were in need of improvement. The cost estimate for these improvements was \$934,000.00.

This item was later tabled for further study.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF BULLETPROOF VEST REQUEST AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Schmidt advised Council that there had been a request for bulletproof vests from the Bellville Police Department and as there are no funds for this type of purchase in this year's annual budget; we are requesting assistance from The 100 Club. A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to write a letter to The 100 Club and comply with their requirements in order to obtain bulletproof vests. Motion carried unanimously.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED PRELIMINARY SOUTH CREEK CROSSING SUBDIVISION – SECTION II AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Ron Bryant of A-Survey reported that he had met with Edwin Malinowski, developer of South Creek Crossing Subdivision and he wished to present them with a revised Section II plat. Mr. Bryant stated that the number of lots had been reduced from approximately 147 to 100. Larger and more expensive homes would be built on the larger lots. A motion was Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to accept the revised plat in substitution of first submission. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR PLACEMENT OF MOBILE HOME TO BE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY AT 870 W. AUSTIN STREET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – ALFRED MAYS AND MARIA ISABEL HARO

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Special Use Permit for placement of a mobile home on the property located at 870 W. Austin Street. Motion carried unanimously. Maria Isabel Haro owns the mobile home and property is owned by Alfred Mays.

14. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

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Open Session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER SECTION 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION NECESSARY

Executive Session convened at 6:35 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

17. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

Open Session re-convened at 10:35 p.m.

18. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

19. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 10:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.