

June 17, 2003

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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1. 6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Reverend Warren Scott 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 Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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A motion was made by Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2003 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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No one was present that wished to address Council.

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

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Attorney Smith stated he saw no reason to be more stringent than the federal law is regarding the use of silt fencing. The Council was in agreement and Attorney Smith requested to have agenda item number nine removed.

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Alderman Ottmer informed Council that dehumidifier equipment would kill the mold in the basement and then the mold would have to be physically removed.

Alderman Ottmer inquired about placing a French drain at the Police Department. It was decided that quotes be obtained and e-mailed to council members.

Alderman Mueller stated that the number of patrons using the Library as shown in Mrs. King's report was phenomenal and he indicated that expansion of the Library had begun at a great time.

Alderman Mueller expressed his concern regarding skateboarding and bike riding on area sidewalks. The consensus of Council was to have Attorney Smith review our current Sidewalk ordinance and have him prepare an amendment to the current ordinance for next month's regular meeting.

Mayor Harrison informed Council that we had received a quote from Newmark International, Inc. for a concrete pole for placement of the siren. Newmark had quoted \$4,475.00. A metal pole previously quoted was \$10,000.00. The consensus of Council was to have the concrete pole installed. The City cannot install the pole due to the lack of heavy equipment; therefore an installer will be contacted.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO JIM BISHOP

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Mayor Harrison read Alderman Bishop's resignation letter and presented him with a plaque for his outstanding service to the City of Bellville for the past eighteen years prior to the Council meeting.

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

Administrator Roberts announced that Anne Burger of First Southwest would be in attendance at a Special meeting called on July 22 for a workshop that would provide information regarding certificates of obligation.

Adm. Roberts inquired at to whether Council wished to hold an Appreciation Dinner for all city appointed boards as we had done last year. Council was in agreement that a dinner be held July 29, 2003 at the Sens Activity Center.

Alderman Ottmer and Alderman Browning inquired about the expansion of the city limit lines. Alderman Browning stated that the Texas Department of Public Transportation has a proposal for the expansion of the Bellville city limits that was available. Administrator Roberts was instructed to contact Bruce Bayless of the Texas Department of Public Transportation of Yoakum and obtain the expansion proposal.

Administrator Roberts thanked Librarian Kathryn King for her hard work in arranging for the improvements to the Bellville Public Library.

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9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF SILT FENCING ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Areas regarding the use of silt fencing were briefly discussed and Attorney Smith recommended not doing anything other than what the State required.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF DRAINAGE PLAN AT O'BRYANT AND HOLLAND STREETS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Street Superintendent Frankie Hoppe appeared before Council and updated Council on the work being performed on the drainage problem at E. O'Bryant and South Holland Streets. Mr. Hoppe explained that crews had currently washed out approximately sixty- four feet of line and would be going back into the street to see how to get more flow through the pipe.

Superintendent Hoppe stated that Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers anticipated it would cost approximately \$20,000.00 to correct the problem.

11. CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE A MOBILE METER READING SYSTEM AND PICK-UP ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Electric Superintendent Steven Robertson appeared before Council and gave an explanation of the Roadrunner Mobile Drive meter reading system and he asked that Council consider purchasing this equipment. Total cost of the equipment would be

\$21,150.00. This particular system would save over \$10,000.00 per year. It would also save time and be more accurate. Superintendent Robertson also asked Council to consider the purchase of a pick – up to house this electronic equipment. He had obtained three quotes from HGAC for vehicles.

Superintendent Robertson also informed Council that the funds were in the electric department budget and therefore the purchase of the meter reading equipment and pick-up would not require a budget amendment.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Browning to purchase the Roadrunner Mobile Drive meter reading equipment in the amount of \$21,150.00 and a one-half ton pick-up in the amount of \$15,899.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

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12. DISCUSSION OF ELECTRICAL POLES LOCATED AT SONIC DRIVE IN ON SOUTH FRONT STREET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Superintendent Robertson advised Council that he had obtained the cost of the materials to replace the three guy wires and wooden poles at Sonic Drive-Inn with the cost being \$8,337.00. Superintendent Robertson advised that the city did not have the necessary equipment used for placement of these large poles.

Superintendent Robertson also stated Council that as of this date crews had verified that poles could be placed at two locations without interfering with utilities. The third location was questionable and could not be verified until Superintendent Klump could excavate at the location.

Council asked that Superintendent Robertson present them with a quote from a contractor for placement of poles. This will be presented at the Special Meeting to be held on June 24, 2003.

13. REQUEST TO EXPEND EDC FUNDS FOR APPRAISAL OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Browning to allow the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board to expend \$500.00 from the Hotel/Motel tax monies for an appraisal of property. Motion carried unanimously.

14. PRESENTATION BY ERIC ELLER OF COBALT BROADBAND SERVICE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Eric Eller of Cobalt Broadband appeared before Council and gave a presentation regarding broadband service.

15. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

Open Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER SECTION 551.04 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Executive Session convened at 7:10 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

18. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

Open Session re-convened at 8:20 p.m.

19. 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.

20. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.