

AUGUST 21, 2001

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Harrison at 5:35 p.m.

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

5:37 p.m.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

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

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2001 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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Mrs. Ginger Rettig appeared before Council and inquired about the status of the Johnson project with the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board and the telecommunications tower located just outside the city limits on North Granville Street. She also wished to voice her concern regarding the maintenance of properties located on East Wendt Street and West O'Bryant Streets.

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

Alderman Browning wished to inquire about markings on streets and parking lots and the mowing of lots within the city. Administrator Roberts informed Alderman Browning that the Street and Parks Departments had been shorthanded and that we had currently hired three new employees, therefore; she hoped that we could quickly remedy the problems.

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

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Police Chief Jerral Johnson introduced new School Resource Officer, Edward Gutierrez. Wastewater Superintendent Arlie D. Kendrick introduced new employee, Lorenzo Wallace and Administrator Roberts introduced three new employees, Jerry Blunston of the Street Department & Craig Crawford and Howard Bryant of the Parks Department.

Administrator Roberts informed Council that the random drug testing policy put into place approximately two months ago had begun on Monday, August 20, 2001.

Adm. Roberts advised Council that the Water Department had been tying in new customers to water lines from the new water tower. Mrs. Roberts also informed them that we have had a

few problems with the controls on the water wells, pumps, and power stations and that the problems are being resolved.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT S. TESCH AND E. WENDT STREETS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY - DELBERT & BETTY MEISCHEN

Delbert and Betty Meischen appeared before Council and asked permission to subdivide a lot into two lots at the corner of S. Tesch and E. Wendt Streets. The Meischens would like to place a duplex townhome on the site located adjacent to the Texas Department of Human Resources and possibly build another home on the remaining site in the future. A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to grant permission to the Delbert and Betty Meischen to subdivide the lot located at the corner of S. Tesch and E. Wendt Streets. Motion carried unanimously.

10. REPORT ON VOLUNTEER STATUS AT THE SENS CENTER AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – BUCK HAYDEN

Mr. Buck Hayden of the Sens Activity Center Board appeared before Council and asked what decision had been made regarding the status of volunteers. Mayor Harrison informed the citizens in attendance that Mr. Hayden and all the volunteers had done a wonderful job over the years but due to our current bond indebtedness we must follow our CPA's recommendations and make changes relating to the Sens Center. A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Bishop that the Sens Activity Center be handled as any other City building and instructed Attorney Smith to prepare a draft amending Article 1.1900 of the Bellville Code of Ordinances entitled "Sens Activity Center Board". Motion carried unanimously. The amendment will be placed on the September regular meeting agenda.

11. DISCUSSION REGARDING TREASURER'S POSITION FOR SENS CENTER BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – ANN KNESS

Ms. Ann Kness of the Sens Center Activity Board appeared before Council and questioned if there was still need for volunteers at the Sens Center. She also inquired as to whether a treasurer's position was needed and was it still necessary to retain a Board. Council advised her that Sens Center issues would be addressed at the September regular meeting.

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING DEMAND METERS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY - ELLEN REMMERT

This item was not discussed, as Ellen Remmert was not present.

13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION #1172R REGARDING APPOINTMENTS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Mayor Harrison announced that he would like to appoint Bruce White and Susan Jones to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to take Mayor Harrison's recommendation and appoint Bruce White to the BEDCB for the retroactive term December 15, 2000 – December 18, 2002 and Susan Jones to the position left vacant by the resignation of Fritz Nelius with the term being August 21, 2001 – December 18, 2002.

14. CONSIDERATION TO VOTE TO PLACE PROPOSAL TO ADOPT TAX RATE ON FUTURE AGENDA AS ACTION ITEM, SCHEDULING RELATED HEARING DATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Mueller to place a proposal to raise the tax rate from 0.3657 to 0.3679 (per hundred dollar valuation) placed on a special meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 4, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BANK DEPOSITORY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to award the bank depository to the First National Bank of Bellville, our current depository for a three-year term being October 1, 2001 – September 30, 2004. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. All voted aye

with the exception of Alderman Mueller. Mueller abstained due to his affiliation with First National Bank of Bellville. Motion carried.

16. CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SAFETY HAZARDS IN TANGLE OAKS SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Council requested that Mr. Edwin Malinowski, developer of the Tangle Oaks Subdivision appear before Council in regards to potential safety hazards within the subdivision. Council informed Mr. Malinowski of their concern regarding access and maneuverability of emergency vehicles within the subdivision due to the islands situated in street. After much discussion, Mr. Malinowski informed Council that he would remove the back island at no cost to the city. Council suggested that Mr. Malinowski poll the Tangle Oaks Homeowner's Association as to whether or not they wished to remove the remaining island. Mr. Malinowski is to schedule a meeting with the homeowner' association.

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17. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.