

SEPTEMBER 17, 2002

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. 3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer 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 Mueller to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2002 and Special Meeting (Budget Workshop) of August 27, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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There were no citizens present that wished to address Council.

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

Alderman Bishop reported that the original design of the Austin County Exhibition Center showed four large pillars with Texas stars. He stated that he had been contacted by Linda Feux who informed him that the County did not wish to install these stars at the location. Ms. Feux asked if the City would be interested in a donation of the stars. The consensus of Council was to accept the donation and have the stars installed at the City Park.

Alderman Browning inquired about the cleaning of the ditch located between Meyers and W. Austin, the condition of the proposed park property on N. Granville and the cleaning of ditches throughout town.

Mayor Harrison said he had received complaints regarding an abundance of ants and fleas at the Mini Park.

Alderman Mueller asked that a representative from the Bluebonnet Groundwater District be available at the meeting on October 15, 2002 for an update.

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

Administrator Roberts reported that due to construction work in the newly approved Southcreek Crossing Subdivision she asked that the Fall Clean Up be moved to another time. The consensus of Council was to move the Fall Clean-Up to after Thanksgiving but before Christmas.

Sergeant David Blakey introduced new patrol officer, Nathan Hale and informed Council that patrol officer; Wayne Beum was not available for introduction.

Administrator Roberts reported that she had donated some tin from a garage located in Hempstead to the City and wished to inform them that a truck and trailer from the City would be picking up this donation.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF 2002 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Browning to accept the 2002 Austin County Fair Contract as presented with the charge for rental being \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Mueller to appoint Alderman Browning as Representative and Alderman Ottmer as Alternate Representative to the Houston-Galveston Area Council. Motion carried unanimously.

11. 11. BUDGET WORKSHOP AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Employee salaries, the necessity of an electrical department shed to house large equipment and the necessity and size of a pickup in the parks department were discussed.

12. 12. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 102.066(D) ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2002-2003 BUDGET YEAR

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A public hearing was held. There were no citizens that wished to address Council.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2002-2003 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BELLVILLE (ORDINANCE #1204)

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Bishop to adopt Ordinance #1204 approving the 2002-2003 fiscal year budget. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Alderman Bishop, Mueller, Ottmer and Schmidt voted aye and Alderman Browning voted nay. Motion carried.

14. 14. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2002 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY (ORDINANCE #1205)

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the 2002 tax rate in the amount of 0.3724 cents per \$100.00 valuation. Motion carried unanimously.

15. 15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.