

SEPTEMBER 18, 2001

AGENDA 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 5:30 p.m.

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Attorney Charley Smith 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 H. Ottmer, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller, James A. "Jim" Bishop, O. William "Bill" Schmidt, and Wayne Browning. 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 Mueller 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 Bishop, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2001 and Special Meeting of September 4, 2001. 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

Mayor Harrison announced that Tangle Oaks Association held a meeting and a decision was made not to remove the first island in Tangle Oaks subdivision.

Alderman Browning informed Council that many street signs are discolored and are in need of cleaning or replacement. He also voiced his concern that the ditch on West Austin Street was in need of maintenance. Administrator Roberts stated that the ditch has been sprayed for weeds and that a few of the trees will be taken out to allow the flow of water.

Alderman Browning inquired about the status of the demolition project. Adm. Roberts informed him that we have been able to contact all owners with the exception of one and they have been willing to demolish or rehabilitate their property. Alderman Browning also stated he would like to see homes that have open doors and windows boarded, as these are a safety issue.

Alderman Schmidt stated that there are traffic signs in town being obstructed by trees and shrubs. This is a safety hazard.

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

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Police Sergeant David Blakey introduced new employee, John Santos. Mr. Santo is a night dispatcher in the Police Department.

Administrator Roberts informed Council that Commissioner Schrader had notified her that a permit from the Corp of Engineers would not be required for the clean up of Boggy Creek. Mr. Schrader would also like to start coordinating the job.

Adm. Roberts stated that the City had received the Wastewater Plant Permit.

Administrator Roberts advised Council that we had received a 47% increase in the cost of Property, Liability and Vehicle insurance; therefore we are currently compiling specifications in order to re-bid insurance. She also stated that we could stay with our current insurance carrier on a month-to-month basis. Alderman Schmidt would like the contents of each of the buildings reviewed.

9. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BIDS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Tim Robertson of O'Malley Engineers appeared before Council and recommended the bid for the expansion of the current wastewater plant be awarded to N & S Construction of Houston. Mr. Robertson answered questions that the Council had regarding the project. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to award the bid for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant to N & S Construction of Houston in the amount of \$2,192,950.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2001 AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR CONTRACT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to approve the contract entitled "2001 Austin County Fair Association Contract for Use of City Park Facilities" for the 2001 Austin County Fair. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2001 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to adopt Ordinance # 1174 adopting the 2001 tax rate of 0.3679 per one hundred dollar valuation. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF FALL CLEAN-UP AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to have two curbside garbage pick ups a year; those being Spring and Fall Clean Up. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #1175 EXEMPTING CERTAIN CITY OF BELLVILLE POLICE VEHICLES FROM INSCRIPTION REQUIREMENTS ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to adopt Resolution # 1175R exempting certain police department vehicles from inscription requirements. Motion carried unanimously. The only vehicle exempt from the inscription requirements is the Chief of Police's present vehicle; all future vehicles will be marked.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to appoint Alderman Browning as representative and Alderman Ottmer as alternate to the Houston – Galveston Area Council 2002 General Assembly. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND ARTICLE 1.1900 OF THE BELLVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "SENS CENTER BOARD" AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to adopt the amendment to Article 1.1902 governing the Sens Activity Center Board Duties and Responsibilities as presented by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously. Said amendment authorizes the Sens Center Board to organize a group of volunteers who shall staff the center during the hours (Monday – Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) it is opened to the public. The Board shall prepare a budget outlining proposed activities for the upcoming year and any funds necessary to fund the activities conducted by the Board. The Board shall also endeavor to make the facility available and conducive to all citizens of the City of Bellville with particular emphasis on serving the senior citizens of the community.

16. CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL EXPENSE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT SECURITY FEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

17. OPEN SESSION ADJOURNED

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Open Session adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE UNDER 551.071 AND 551.074 TO DISCUSS PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

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Executive Session convened at 6:34 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

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Executive Session adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

20. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

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Open Session re-convened at 7:05 p.m.

21. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

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No action taken.

22. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.