

October 21, 2003

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore O. William "Bill" Schmidt called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Pro-Tempore O. William "Bill" Schmidt, Aldermen David Ottmer, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller, Nancy P. Allen and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present was City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Mayor Harrison was absent due to illness.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderwoman Allen to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception that agenda item number fifteen follow agenda item number nine. Motion carried unanimously.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one was present that wished to address Council.

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Schmidt signed a proclamation for Red Ribbon Week.

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

Alderman Ottmer asked if Building Inspector Frank Rodriguez had his certification. Administrator Roberts responded that he was not certified, but he would be attending classes to complete his certification.

Alderman Browning inquired as to whether we needed both concrete utility poles at Sonic Drive Inn. Administrator Roberts responded that both concrete poles were needed per the Newmark engineer.

Alderman Browning also inquired if the City had contacted the Texas Department of Transportation for the placement of the poles. Administrator Roberts responded that the City has never been required to contact TxDot for replacement of poles.

Administrator Roberts announced that the noon whistle has been installed and it will ring six days a week.

9. 9. REPORT FROM AL WOODS OF THE CIVIL AIR PATROL AND RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Al Woods, Public Information Officer for the Civil Air Patrol appeared before Council and gave a report that included the history of the Air Patrol and membership information. The following members of the Air Patrol were in attendance: Emily, Ben and Christian Horn, Rachel Manning, Chris Cochran and Jacob Czarnecki.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE BELLVILLE CITY LIMIT LINES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

There was some discussion of extending the city limit lines in the roadway only on State Highway 36 North and South and State Highway 159 East and West. Attorney Smith stated that he had not found the State statute that will allow us to take in just the roadway. This item will be placed on the November regular meeting agenda.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE SIGN ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Mueller informed Council that he wished to find a way to regulate signs (political, garage sale, etc.) that are being placed in the State right-of-ways. Attorney Smith suggested that we look at TxDot's rules and regulations regarding signs before we proceed.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR A 2004 REAR LOADER PACKER AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Mueller, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to award the bid for the rear loader packer to Reliance Truck and Equipment in the amount of \$37,170.00. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR A 2004 CAB/CHASSIS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Mueller to award the bid for a 2004 Cab/Chassis to Hermann International in the amount of \$60,242.00. Motion carried unanimously.

If the cab/chassis is built before January 1, 2004 the cost will be \$58,870.00 and after January 1, 2004 cost will be \$60,242.00. This price difference is due to a new emissions requirement that is effective January 1, 2004.

14. 14. CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

15. 15. CONSIDERATION OF WATER WELL CONTRACT WITH J & S WATER WELL SERVICE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

John Richardson of J & S Water Well Service appeared before Council and discussed a lease purchase agreement for a new water well to be located behind City Hall. After much discussion (see tape for details) consensus of Council was to have Attorney Smith and John Richardson work on the contract and present it at the next council meeting.

16. 16. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT TO THE BELLVILLE CITY PARKS BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

17. 17. CONSIDERATION OF CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled. Administrator Roberts is to speak with Anne Burger of First Southwest Co. and set a date for her to meet with Council in a special meeting to discuss certificates of obligation.

18. 18. REPORT GIVEN ON THE PROGRESS OF THE BELLVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mrs. Kathryn King, Librarian of the Bellville Public Library appeared before Council and reported on the progress of the renovations and improvements at the Library. Mrs. King presented drawings to Council and stated that bid packets for improvements were almost complete.

19. 19. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE SPECIFICATIONS AND PLANS FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

20. 20. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:47 p.m.

21. 21. 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 6:50 p.m.

22. 22. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

23. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

Open Session re-convened at 7:24 p.m.

24. 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.

25. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderwoman Allen to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.