

December 17, 2002

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 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, James A. "Jim" Bishop, O. William "Bill" Schmidt, and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Alderman Michael S. "Mike" Mueller was absent.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Bishop that the agenda be adopted 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 Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2002 and Special Meeting of December 3, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

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Lana Fricke of 210 E. Glenn appeared before Council and asked that the city consider placing speed limit signs on N. Front Street and also E. Glenn Street along the park area.

Ms. Fricke also informed Council that Tom's Food and Snack trucks were violating the loud noise ordinance as their trucks were left idling during unloading between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Nancy Allen and John Elick, Chairmen of the Bellville Heritage Day Gathering – A Day in the Country Committee appeared before Council and informed them of the May 3, 2003 event. Mr. Elick explained that the event would consist of a Longhorn cattle drive through town, a ranch hand rodeo, trail ride, ranch tours, craftsman and chuck wagon rides. The committee hopes to bring in tens of thousands of people to Bellville during this event.

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

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Alderman Browning commented that he had seen water standing in areas around town.

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

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Administrator Roberts announced that David Blakey had been promoted to Lieutenant and Officer Adam Nunes had been promoted to Sergeant/Investigator.

Adm. Roberts informed Council that parts of the new wastewater treatment plant were being switched over and are now waiting on the contractor's electricians. The contractors are currently on schedule for construction and have been approved until January 9, 2003.

Adm. Roberts reported that one home was near completion in the Southcreek Crossing Subdivision.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL DEALING WITH ABSENCES AND COMPENSATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to substitute in toto Ordinance #1208 with Ordinance #1213 entitled “An Ordinance Adopting An Amendment to the Bellville Personnel Polices Manual”. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Alderman Schmidt withdrew the motion. This item was tabled until further study and will appear on next month’s agenda.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF ANNEXATION (MALINOWSKI, KENNEL TRUST, MONK, AND FELDTMAN PROPERTY) ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt Ordinance #1214 entitled, “ An Ordinance Annexing Property into the City Limits of the City of Bellville”. Motion carried unanimously. Said properties annexed are as follows: Edwin Malinowski – Southcreek Crossing Subdivision, Section I (6.96acres), Mary Wilson Kennell Trust (100’ wide tract), Frank Monk (100’ wide tract) and Earnest and Barbara Feldtman (.75 acres).

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE BELLVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Bishop to approve Mayor Harrison’s appointment of Yessica Jimenez and Dennis Diggs to the Bellville Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT’S EXTENSION OF TRUCK BAY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Ottmer to approve the Electrical Deparment’s metal extension to the existing truck bay located on S. Masonic. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Ottmer, Schmidt, and Bishop voted aye and Alderman Browning voted nay. Motion carried. Estimates will be obtained prior to work being done.

13. CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF PARKS DEPARTMENT PICK-UP AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Bishop, seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the purchase of a one-ton pick-up in the Parks Department. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING LOCATED ON WEST MAIN STREET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Bishop to offer the old police department building located on W. Main to the Chamber of Commerce with no additional funding and a fee of \$1.00 per year. Motion carried unanimously.

15. PRESENTATION/CONSIDERATION OF 2001-2002 ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – GINGER SNIDER

Ginger Snider of Bond, Snider, Glow & Londergan, L. L. P appeared before Council to present the 2001-2002 annual audit.

16. 16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.