

SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL 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 Bishop 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, 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.

4. 4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. 5. PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHOP AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

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Various line items in the budget were discussed.

Council considered the \$5,000.00 request by Austin County Judge Carolyn Bilski to off set expenses of the Austin County Emergency Management Services. The Council expressed that it was their feeling that City residents were being double taxed. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Schmidt to give Austin County EMS \$3000.00; the amount in the proposed 2000–2001 budget and directed that a letter be written notifying Judge Bilski that funds would no longer be available for such requests. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. PUBLIC HEARING, PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 102.066(D) ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2001-2002 YEAR

There were no citizens present that wished to address Council under this item.

7. 7. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT THE 2001-2002 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BELLVILLE (ORDINANCE #1173)

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A motion was made by Alderman Ottmer, seconded by Alderman Bishop to adopt the 2000 – 2001 annual budget as presented with the following changes. The two vehicles presented in the Parks Department budget were deleted due to the necessity of purchasing large equipment within the overall budget and \$20,000.00 was placed in General Administration in case demolition of dilapidated homes was necessary. Motion carried unanimously.

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It was the consensus of Council that an additional budget workshop be held in August of 2002 in order to give members ample time to consider the proposed budget.

8. 8. PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO SECTION 26.05 (D) OF THE PROPERTY TAX CODE ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR 2001

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Mayor Harrison announced that Council would like to increase the tax rate from 0.3657 per \$100.00 valuation to 0.3679 per \$100.00 valuation. A formal vote will be taken at the Regular meeting scheduled on September 18, 2001.

9. 9. ADJOURNMENT

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A motion was made by Alderman Schmidt, seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.