

January 18, 2005

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 at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Pro-Tempore O. William "Bill" Schmidt, Aldermen Jerome Peters, Michael S. "Mike" Mueller and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Mayor Philip B. Harrison and Monte D. Richardson were absent.

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 MEETINGS

A motion was made by Alderman Browning to adopt the regular minutes of December 21, 2004 as presented. Alderman Peters interjected item number eighteen needed to be changed as the SWB/SBC contract stated SWB/SWB was to remove attachments from the poles in order for the city to remove redundant poles. Alderman Peters then seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Delwin Rettig appeared before Council and voiced his concern regarding the pre-mix at property owner's driveways on S. Holland Street and the problems occurring due to inadequate placement of the pre-mix.

Gwen Henson representing the Bellville Heritage Gathering appeared before Council and requested a contribution in the about of \$2,500.00 for the May 7th event. Mayor Pro-Tempore Schmidt asked that this item be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Herschel Smith appeared before Council and voiced his concern over a police department incident with his niece and her boyfriend. Mr. Smith suggested a town meeting be held to discuss the Police Department. It was later determined that another law enforcement agency was involved in this incident and not the Bellville Police Department.

Carolyn Gibson of the Bellville Chamber of Commerce presented Council with an article from the Austin American Statesman on the San Felipe de Austin artifacts. Ms. Gibson also extended an invitation to the Council for the Chamber of Commerce banquet on February 7th with guest speaker, Larry Jo Daughtery.

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

- Alderman Browning stated concerns with the new street project coordination among supervisors. Alderman Browning questioned as to whom was to pay for repairs to the newly paved street, which was cut for installation of utilities. Administrator Roberts responded that Mercer Construction bears the cost on streets that are cut due to work on lift stations.

Alderman Peters informed Council the committee assembled to discuss sub-standard housing had met and proved to be very productive. He also said he has hopes to make a presentation at the meeting (March) after next.

Alderman Mueller suggested the Austin County Appraisal District be contacted and see if taxes are due on sub-standard housing properties.

Alderman Schmidt announced the Austin County Appraisal District has a new Chief Appraiser, Richard Moring.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council they were working on the water tower and are in hopes the weather will cooperate and the contractor can start work on the streets.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1285 CALLING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON MAY 7, 2005 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

- A motion was made by Alderman Peters, seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt Ordinance #1285 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Said ordinance calls for a municipal election to be held on May 7, 2005.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION TO RESCIND THE APPROVAL OF THE SAN FELIPE DE AUSTIN PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

- A motion was made by Alderman Browning seconded by Alderman Peters to reject the San Felipe de Austin proposal and re-negotiate. Motion carried unanimously.

11. 11. ADJOURNMENT

- A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to adjourn at 5:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.