

February 19, 2008

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Derek Anderson, Douglas Lottridge, Joe Ed Lynn and Margaret Kistler, thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Secretary Betty Hollon and City Attorney Charley Smith.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to adopt the agenda with the exception that Agenda Item 9 follow Agenda Item 4. Motion carried unanimously.

5. RECESS FOR TOUR OF CLARK PARK

Council recessed at 5:06 p.m. to tour Clark Park.

6. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 6:03 p.m.

7. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

8. CITIZEN'S FORUM (*Any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the posted final agenda will only be heard by the City Council. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Council.*)

No one wished to address Council.

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

Mayor Richardson presented several members of the Bluebonnet Chapter with a Proclamation acknowledging March 1, 2008 as Texas German Society Day in Bellville, Texas. Alderman Browning asked for a status report of the Substandard Housing properties. Alderman Anderson commented on the traffic problem near the elementary school and Alderwoman Kistler requested maps of the City and asked about the status of the Veteran's Pavilion.

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

Administrator Roberts presented Mayor and Council with the 2007 Racial Profiling Reports and announced Chief Matthews will discuss the report at next month's meeting. Administrator Roberts announced Spring Clean-up for residents of the City will be March 3 through March 15<sup>th</sup> and also a workshop with the EDC is scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Sens Center.

11. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF BELLVILLE, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2008 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Anne Burger of First Southwest Company presented Council with bid information on the \$4,000,000 Certificate of Obligation from four banks; Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase Bank, The Independent Bankers Bank, and Wachovia Bank. Bank of America's bid was lowest with an interest rate of 3.97%. The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to accept Option 1 with Bank of America with a 20 year term. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND ELECTRIC RATE ORDINANCE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Anderson to increase electric base rates across the board by an additional \$5.75 effective with the March billing. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR PHASE III OF CLARK PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Tim Robertson of O'Malley Engineers recommended awarding bid for Phase III of Clark Park to low bidder, Gaeke Construction Company in the amount \$1,234,625 (base plus additive alternate bids numbers 1 through 5). The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Anderson to accept Gaeke's bid for Phase III. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE #1368 APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR MAY 10, 2008 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve Ordinance #1368 appointing Judy Evans as Presiding Judge and Betty Johnson Alternate Presiding Judge for the May 10, 2008 General Municipal Election. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BISD AND CITY OF BELLVILLE FOR COMMON POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Election Day between the Bellville Independent School District and the City of Bellville to name the Sens Center as the common polling place for the May 10, 2008 election. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND FEE SCHEDULE TO INCREASE RENTAL AT TURNVEREIN AND SENS CENTER AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to increase the rental rates of the Turnverein and Sens Center. The rental for the Turnverein was increased to \$300.00 for a 24 hour period with a key deposit of \$300.00 due upon receipt of the key and the rental for the Sens Center increased to \$200.00 with a key deposit of \$200.00 for a 24 hour period. Non-profit organizations will continue to be allowed usage of the Turnverein and Sens Center Monday thru Thursday (except Holidays) at no charge, although a key deposit will still be required from all renters. Mayor Richardson called for a vote. Aldermen Lottridge, Lynn, Anderson and Kistler voted aye. Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

17. CONSIDERATION OF BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD APPOINTMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to confirm the Mayor's appointment of Monte Byrd to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. Mayor Richardson called for a vote. Aldermen Lottridge, Lynn, Anderson and Kistler voted aye. Alderman Browning abstained. Motion carried.

18. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Mayor Richardson announced they would adjourn and go into Executive Session at 7:42 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

Executive Session convened at 7:46 p.m.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

21. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

22. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

23. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.