

March 18, 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

Mayor Richardson asked for a moment of silence honoring Alderwoman Margaret Kistler. 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, Joe Ed Lynn, and Douglas Lottridge; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Secretary Betty Hollon, City Attorney Charley Smith arrived at 5:32 p.m.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2008 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 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.*)

Minister Gregory Stewart addressed Council regarding the drug problem in Bellville and Dempsey Averitt spoke of the need of a skate park.

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

Mayor Richardson announced Council and EDC would hold a joint session on May 20th at noon at the Sens Center. Alderman Lottridge was concerned about the alterations made to the Dr. Pepper Building and Alderman Lynn felt there were too many benches placed around town and would like Council to oversee what is placed on city sidewalks.

City Attorney Charley Smith presented Council with a status report of the 15 substandard structures identified by the Substandard Housing Commission. Asbestos is the common characteristic of the properties that have not been repaired or demolished. Attorney Smith recommends the City solicit bids from private asbestos abatement contractors with the understanding the bid does not have to be awarded if the expense is too great.

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

Administrator Roberts reported information from the Fair Association was put in Council's packet regarding their expansion at the City Park. It was agreed to have them come before Council with more specifics. Administrator Roberts also commented on the following: new lights are being installed around town and those at the mini-park will be replaced, TXDOT will provide a Truss bridge for Clark Park which Harrison Trucking will transport free of charge, bids will be taken next month for the street and wastewater projects, grant money of \$100,000 has been received from LCRA and \$157,977.47 from Texas Parks & Wildlife for the Clark Park Project, and city maps are being prepared by O'Malley Engineers.

Chief Matthews introduced to Council our new officer, Jared Humes. Officer Matthews also advised Council that flashing lights for school zones were \$1,950 each and he would speak to the school district to see if they would be willing to split the cost.

9. DISCUSSION WITH AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Richard Moring, Mr. Bill Schmidt, and Mr. Mike Darlow of the Austin County Appraisal District gave Council a brief report on the appraisal district's major responsibilities.

10. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF 2007 RACIAL PROFILING REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The 2007 Racial Profiling Report was presented to Council at last month's meeting. Chief Matthews reviewed the report with council.

11. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL POLICIES MANUAL, CHAPTER 2, 2-10, RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS, AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

12. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Mayor Richardson announced they would adjourn and go into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER 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 6:34 p.m.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

15. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Lynn to create the positions of Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director with no restrictions and to amend the budget as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.