

March 21, 2006

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen Wayne Browning, James A. "Jim" Bishop, Carol H. Courville, and Jerome Peters; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts and City Secretary Susan Rosinski. Alderman Monte D. Richardson and City Attorney Charley Smith were absent.

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception agenda item number eleven follow agenda item number nine. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2006 and Special Meeting of March 7, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. James Burke of 248 W. Palm appeared before Council and addressed his concern over parking problems created by persons parking and entering the new Bellville Clinic. Mr. Burke has had vehicles block his driveway.

Mr. Ellis Hudgens of 1410 Bell Oaks Drive appeared before Council and asked that Council approach Burlington Northern Santa Fe in regards to the train whistle blowing excessively at all hours of the night.

Jeannie Dimauro of 242 S. Matthews as well as Glenn Davis of 902 S. Tesch addressed Council with the concern of barking dogs in their neighborhoods and the nuisance/noise the barking creates.

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

Mayor Harrison reported the core samples results of the streets were not yet available.

Alderman Courville inquired as to why the Mayor had not placed an executive session she had requested on the agenda. The Mayor responded that not all of the Council was available for tonight's meeting.

Alderman Browning commented on the need for ditches to be cleaned and grass to be mowed.

Alderman Peters informed Council he had received an e-mail, telephone call and a spreadsheet from a citizen whose utilities had been disconnected. Peters was concerned with zero gas meter readings and the need to change the gas rate structure (Gas Rate Ordinance). Mayor Harrison commented this should be done during budget preparation.

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

Administrator Roberts stated the street lights needed on the areas where the city limits have been extended are in the San Bernard service area; poles will have to be added at the estimated cost of a little over \$5,000.00 and payment of a monthly charge to San Bernard will be necessary. Roberts added San Bernard has given the City permission to place lights on three poles.

Administrator Roberts per Alderwoman Courville's request presented Council with demand meter information. Alderwoman Courville, LCRA and Administrator Roberts will meet and discuss the demand meters. Alderwoman Courville is to contact Adm. Roberts to arrange a meeting date.

Roberts informed Council there is a new roof on the restroom at Zeiske Park and the playground equipment at Margaret Chesley Park is being assembled.

Alderman Browning commented on lights on the town square.

Adm. Roberts commented that a meeting was held with Austin County in regards to the recycling grant.

Administrator Roberts informed Council it appears to be approximately \$100,000.00 in funds available as materials came in under the estimate in regards to the \$350,000.00 sewer grant project. Adm. Roberts commented Wastewater Superintendent Arlie Kendrick would like to do a pipe bursting job and replace pipe under the railroad tracks at Highway 36/W. Main.

Administrator Roberts informed Council the gas system and gas records have been inspected by the Railroad Commission of Texas and we had received a good review.

Adm. Roberts stated a brick pillar has been hit at the Library; a police report was taken with an estimate of damage to be approximately \$2,000.00 and information given to TML insurance.

9. PRESENTATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES BY O'MALLEY ENGINEERS – CRAIG KANKEL

Mr. Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers appeared before Council and made a presentation in regards to engineering services their company could provide to the City of Bellville. Also in attendance from O'Malley Engineers were Ed Addicks, Bob Schmidt, William Krueger, Tim Robertson, Dana Quebeck, Shawn Shuler, William Huebner and Ronnie Becker.

10. PRESENTATION/APPROVAL OF 2004-2005 ANNUAL AUDIT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Michelle Kwiatkowski and Nancy Herms of Seidel, Schroeder presented the 2004 -2005 audit to Council. A few minor typographical changes will be made to the audit with consideration of the audit to be placed on next month's agenda for consideration.

11. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PRELIMINARY PLAT OF SOUTH CREEK CROSSING SUBDIVISION, SECTION II, AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – STEVE WILSON AND EDWIN MALINOWSKI

Mr. Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers appeared before Council and recommended approving the preliminary plat for South Creek Crossing, Section II with the understanding that the second roadway be provided to the subdivision along with some minor utility design changes. Mr. Steve Wilson of Wilson Engineering Services showed Council the ingress/egress easement sketched on the preliminary plan for the second roadway.

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Peters to approve the preliminary plat to South Creek Crossing Subdivision, Section II contingent upon the recommendations made by Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Alderman Peters, Browning, and Bishop voted aye and Alderwoman Courville was opposed. Motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION OF BID RECEIVED BY AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT REGARDING PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS R07146 A73-J. NICHOLS .255 ACRES MORE OR LESS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was passed over per letter instructions by Chief Appraiser Richard Moring.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Bishop and seconded by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.