

April 19, 2005

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 prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

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

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, seconded by Alderman Peters to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 8, 2005 and Regular Meeting of March 15, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Carolyn Alaniz of the Bellville Chamber of Commerce and Bellville Economic Development Corporation appeared before Council and informed them of the following: a film crew would be in Bellville to film a pilot for a television series "Phenomenal Police" on May 9, 10, 11 & 12, a ground breaking ceremony would be held at the Allen Chapel Neighborhood on April 24 at 3:00 p.m., celebrity waiters would be needed for the Focusing Families Masquerade Celebrity dinner and the BEDC financials were now on the computer.

Sheryl Mercer of Mercer Construction appeared before Council and expressed appreciation in working with staff on the lift stations. Mr. Mercer informed Council the city has reserve generator capacity at the water plant and to alleviate any problems supplying water to citizens during an electrical outage a water well could be placed on this generator.

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

Mayor Harrison signed and read a proclamation regarding National Volunteer Week and presented plaques to outgoing aldermen Mike Mueller and Bill Schmidt.

Alderman Peters informed Council a draft ordinance on minimum housing has been dispersed for review. Peters also mentioned permits not being obtained, status of the swimming pool and location of the marquee.

Alderman Browning thanked Alderman Mueller and Schmidt for their tenure on the Bellville City Council and thanked the Superintendents for being in attendance.

Mayor Harrison announced he would like to look into retiree health insurance and Texas Municipal League will have a supplemental type of insurance available later in the year.

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

Chief Larry Matthews introduced new patrol officers Brian Davis and Jason Smalley.

Administrator Roberts informed Council Joel Seffel of Texas Parks and Wildlife was here on the 12th and discussed the new park design. Roberts added ground breaking could not commence until the appraisal on the property was received and information was submitted to the geologist and the archeologist. Adm. Roberts stated Betty Hollon and herself would travel to Austin on Wednesday for required reporting information.

Administrator Roberts announced the Bellville Public Library was being painted.

Alderman Peters inquired about the SBC amended contract.

Mayor Harrison stated the city and Austin County Precinct #1 are working hand in hand by trading out usage of equipment. Harrison added this saves taxpayers money.

Superintendents Hoppe, Kendrick, Klump and Robertson reported to Council on ongoing and future projects.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF COURTS OF BELLVILLE SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Clay Krovajak and Ed Caravello, developers of Courts of Bellville, Steve Wilson of Wilson Engineering and Craig Kankel of O' Malley Engineers appeared before Council to answer any questions regarding the Courts of Bellville Subdivision. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Mueller to approve the final plat of Courts of Bellville. Alderman Browning then seconded the motion. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Mueller, Browning, Schmidt and Richardson voted aye and Alderman Peters was opposed. Motion carried.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT MOBILE HOME ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Attorney Smith presented an amendment to Article 3.1000 (Mobile Home Regulations) providing definitions and restricting the location of certain types of housing within the city limits. A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to adopt the ordinance as presented by Attorney Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Said ordinance prohibits the installation of a mobile home (home dated prior to June, 1976). The ordinance deletes the special use permit and calls for the median value of homes within 500' be obtained. The manufactured/industrialized home must meet the median value of the surrounding homes.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF TIMETABLE/SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Peters mentioned the use of a facilitator for a council workshop. Mayor Harrison stated he, as the Mayor would serve as the facilitator. A Special Meeting was scheduled for May 24, 2005 at 5:30 p.m.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS AS BUDGETED IN THE 2004-2005 BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

City Administrator Roberts requested Council release funds from account number 201.501.5.931.00 as budgeted in the 2004-2005 budget for firefly meters. A motion was made by Alderman Mueller to release \$70,000.00 for firefly meters. Alderman Richardson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO SENS CENTER BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to appoint Patsy Faken, Jim Grounds, Elizabeth Remmert and Ruby Koehn to the Sens Center Board for the term April 19, 2005 – April 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BELLVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Peters to appoint Dennis Digs and Marie Abbs to the Bellville Housing Authority Board for the term April 19, 2005 – April 18, 2007. Motion carried unanimously.

15. 15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Mueller to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.