

May 17, 2005

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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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

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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, Alderman Wayne Browning, Monte D. Richardson 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

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Richardson to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception of the typographical error on agenda item number seven the approval of minutes (change April 17 to April 19). Motion carried unanimously.

5. 5. CONSIDERATION TO CANVASS ELECTION RETURNS FROM MAY 7, 2005 GENERAL ELECTION

Candidate	Office Sought	Number of Votes Received	
		Early	Election Day
Philip B. Harrison	Mayor	108	93
Carol Herreth Courville	Alderman, Position #2	78	63
Delwin Rettig	Alderman, Position #2	46	53
Jim Bishop	Alderman, Position #4	102	88

Mayor Harrison then signed the Summary of Precinct Election Returns as the Presiding Officer of the canvassing authority certifying that the figures on the tally sheets corresponded with the figures on the returns.

6. 6. OATH OF OFFICE ISSUED TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

The Statement of Elected Officials and the Oath of Office was administered to newly elected officials Philip B. Harrison, Carol H. Courville and Jim Bishop. The new officials then took their seats. Mayor Harrison presented Certificates of Election to each official.

7. 7. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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A motion was made by Alderman Browning, seconded by Alderman Richardson to adopt the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2005 with the exception agenda item number fifteen reflect that Alderman Mueller made the motion to adjourn which was then seconded by Alderman Browning. Motion carried unanimously.

8. 8. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Delwin Rettig appeared before Council and statements were made regarding the new mobile home ordinance.

Carolyn Gibson appeared before Council and presented the following information:

Dates of seminars and meetings in the area

Thanked the Council for all the help and support provided by the city during the Heritage Gathering
Announced the Fourth of July celebration would be held on Monday, July 4th along with possible plans to have a fireworks display; she also asked for permission to have traffic on 159West diverted to N. Mechanic if necessary during the display.

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

Alderman Peters commented on the status of the swimming pool in the park plan and the Little League ball fields.

Alderman Browning asked about the status of the street project.

Alderman Richardson inquired if the water tower had been tested and informed Council he was concerned about the sidewalk in front of the Bellville Chamber of Commerce as it was in need of repair.

Alderwoman Courville made mention of the May 24th workshop for Council. She suggested Council have a retreat with a professional facilitator. Attorney Smith was concerned about the Open Meetings issue.

Consensus of Council was to cancel the workshop scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2005.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council she had received some very nice telephone calls on the water tower logo, the archeologist for Clark Park was here on Monday and looked over the area. The archeologist will start work next week and the biologist will be here on the 25th.

Alderman Browning asked if the Parks Board were involved. Adm. Roberts informed him they have been involved in making decisions.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR-PRO-TEMPORE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to appoint Jim Bishop as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Motion carried unanimously.

12. 12. CONSIDERATION TO REPLAT TRACT H AND RESIDUE OF RESERVE A OF BRIARWOOD SUBDIVISION, SECTION I – GERALD TEGELER

Mayor Harrison removed himself from room for the discussion of this item, as there was a conflict of interest.

Gerald Tegeler appeared before Council to ask for consideration to re- plat Tract H and Residue of Reserve A of Briarwood Subdivision, Section I. Mr. Tegeler explained that he wished to change restrictions on one lot which was originally commercial to residential and have four lots to build town homes and patio homes. A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderman Browning to accept the replat of Tract H and Residue of Reserve A of Briarwood Subdivision as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BEDC APPROVED PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Peters to approve the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board approved project for the restoration of the historic Austin County Jail Museum in the amount of \$25,000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

14. 14. CONSIDERATION OF SUBDIVISION OF COTTAGES OF BELLVILLE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – OSCAR TURNER

Mr. Oscar Turner and Glen Alexander of Alexander Surveying appeared before Council and asked for consideration to subdivide the Cottages of Bellville. The Cottages of Bellville are currently rental property and Mr. Turner stated he wished to sell them individually. After reviewing the plat, Alderman Bishop made the motion to approve the plat as presented by Mr. Turner as a town home subdivision. Alderwoman Courville then seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

15. 15. CONSIDERATION OF SETBACK VARIANCE AT 100 MACHEMEHL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY – CLAY KISTLER AND WAYNE BLANKS

Wayne Blanks and Clay Kistler appeared before Council and asked for variances for a proposed triplex to be located at 100 Machemehl Drive. Mr. Blanks asked for the following variances: the rear slab will be 7'8" from the property line, the front slab will be 10'8" from the property line and the eaves will be 8'8" from the property line. Alderman Richardson made the motion to approve the variances as presented by Wayne Blanks for triplex at 100 Machemehl Drive. Alderman Browning then seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

16. 16. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Harrison adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.