

July 19, 2005

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1. 1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Warren Scott led all in the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. 3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM

Present to-wit: Mayor Philip B. Harrison, Aldermen Wayne Browning, Monte D. Richardson, James A. "Jim" Bishop, Carol H. Courville 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 Alderwoman Courville 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 Bishop to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2005. Motion carried unanimously.

6. 6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. Rusty Gregor appeared before Council and voiced his concern over problems occurring on S. Masonic Street

Mr. Jack Boggan, Mr. Tom Kestler and Mr. Ellis Hudgins all of Bell Oaks Subdivision voiced their concern in regards to drainage/flooding issues, safety issues, and the amount of time contractors were taking to complete the street project in their subdivision.

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

Councilmen commented on citizen's concerns and instructed Attorney Smith to review contracts with engineers and contractors.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council the contracts had been received for the wastewater distribution grant and we are currently waiting for the Parks grant contracts.

Adm. Roberts commented the Superintendents have turned in their department's budget requests and she was in hopes of presenting a budget to Council for review next week.

9. 9. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ALLEN COMMUNITY WEST SUBDIVISION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Glen Alexander of Alexander Surveying appeared before Council and presented a plat of Allen Community West Subdivision. A motion was made by Alderman Peters and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to accept the plat of Allen Community West Subdivision as presented. Mayor Harrison called for a vote. Aldermen Richardson, Bishop, Courville and Peters voted aye and Alderman Browning abstained due to his affiliation with Allen Community West Subdivision. Motion carried.

10. 10. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN REGARDS TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 17 W MAIN AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY-BILL VOGEL

Bill Vogel, President of Habitat for Humanity for Austin County appeared before Council and asked for their consideration to use the old police department building. The building would be used for an office and storage area. Mr. Vogel mentioned that he had already spoken to individuals that would help them bring the building up to code as it is now in disarray. A motion was made by Alderman Richardson, seconded by Alderman Bishop to allow Habitat for Humanity for Austin County usage of the building located at 17 W. Main and give Attorney Smith the authority to negotiate a contract with them. Motion carried unanimously.

11. 11. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 1.300 PAYMENT OF OBLIGATIONS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Administrator Roberts asked Council to consider amending Article 1.300 Payment of Obligations to simplify the procedure for check signing. Attorney Smith had prepared an ordinance in which the City Administrator and City Secretary were authorized to cosign checks under \$7500.00 for payment of contractual obligations as long as Council had previously approved contracts or for payment of payroll taxes to Federal or State agencies. A motion was made by Alderwoman Courville and seconded by Alderman Richardson to amend Article 1.300 as presented for normal bills during the month.

A discussion was held, Alderwoman Courville amended the previous motion to authorize the City Administrator and City Secretary to cosign payroll checks, payroll taxes and payroll related checks (i.e. TMRS, child support). Alderman Richardson then seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Harrison called for a vote as he wished to appoint Jim Bishop to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. Aldermen Richardson, Courville and Browning voted aye, Alderman Peters was opposed and Alderman Bishop abstained.

Jim Bishop was appointed to the BEDCB for an un-expired term July 19, 2005 – December 19, 2006.

13. 13. CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL OF RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Richardson and seconded by Alderwoman Courville to provide retiree insurance coverage at the current rate provided by the carrier at that time and as long as the carrier offers such insurance. Retiree insurance is to be available immediately. The motion included that Option #1 (Core Plan) be provided to the retiree at the retiree's expense. Retiree is defined as a person being eligible for retirement with Texas Municipal Retirement System with the most recent ten years of service with the City of Bellville. Motion carried unanimously.

14. 14. CONSIDERATION OF REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST BY RODGER KRUSE PERTAINING TO UTILITIES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Harrison announced this item would not be needed per Attorney Smith.

15. 15. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:50 p.m.

16. 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Executive Session convened at 7:06 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

18. OPEN SESSION RE-CONVENED

Open Session re-convened.

19. 19. CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION
NECESSARY

No action taken.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.