

August 21, 2007

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Monte Richardson, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, Joe Ed Lynn, Margaret Kistler, Derek Anderson and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Attorney Charley Smith, City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the agenda as presented with the exception Agenda Item 9 follow Agenda Item 11. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 17, 2007 and the Special Meeting of August 14, 2007. 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.)*

Nikki Boyte addressed Council regarding ADA matters. Dempsey Averitt spoke regarding the need of a skate park in Bellville.

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

Alderman Browning reported he attended an envision workshop on August 20th presented by HGAC regarding the future of Bellville and Austin County. Copies of the Austin County Vision and Strategic Plan were handed out. Alderwoman Kistler suggested putting a copy of the publication at the City Library for the public to view.

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

Administrator Roberts reported the new lights were being installed around the square and that Phase I at Clark Park was almost complete. Also, Mr. Eddie Hare, an ADA specialist inspected properties owned by the City of Bellville to ensure they were ADA compliant.

9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2007-2008 BEDC BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to accept the 2007-2008 BEDC budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2007-2008 CONTRACT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN BEDC AND BELLVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

After questions and answers about the increased contract amount the motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the 2007-2008 contract for services between BEDC and Bellville Chamber of Commerce. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BEDC EXPENDITURE FOR LAND PURCHASE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

After a lengthy discussion, Council passed on this item.

12. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR BANK DEPOSITORY SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2007 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Bids for bank depository services were submitted by Wells Fargo and First National Bank of Bellville. The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to award the bid to First National Bank for a three-year term commencing October 1, 2007 and ending September 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #1355 TO TAX TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN TRANSIT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE EXEMPT PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE, SECTION 11.253 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to adopt Ordinance #1355 taxing tangible personal property in transit as presented by City Attorney Charley Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

14. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Richardson announced the budget hearing at 7:06 p.m. and asked for public comment. David Emswiler asked if in the future a one-page summary of the budget could be provided.

15. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2007-2008 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to accept Ordinance #1354 approving and adopting the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2007 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to approve Ordinance #1353 adopting the 2007 tax rate of .2953 (per \$100.00 valuation). Motion carried unanimously.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderwoman Kistler to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.