

November 21, 2006

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Mayor Pro-Tempore Monte D. Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Kistler to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2006 and Special Meeting of October 24, 2006 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mr. Jerome Peters commented on drainage issues at S. Masonic and E. Hacienda.

Carolyn Gibson read the first reading of a resolution regarding an application from Seacon Advanced Products for a grant from the Bellville Economic Development Corporation.

Ms. Gibson showed Council a poster advertising Small Town Christmas and stated the Chamber was able to obtain the posters through a Texas Yes grant.

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

Alderman Kistler wished to acknowledge the passing of Casper Balke and J. Lee Dittert.

Alderman Browning informed Council he had attended a Houston-Galveston Area Council meeting and obtained information in the form of a list of cities participating in H-GAC's services. Alderman Browning then asked for a more detailed report on the streets along with a list of items that are under/not under warranty.

Alderman Courville stated she had received calls from citizens regarding street lights. Alderman Courville inquired as to whether a closing notice for the Thanksgiving Holidays had been given to the newspaper.

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

Administrator Roberts informed Council Superintendent Hoppe would not be available for tonight's meeting as he was at the hospital awaiting the birth of his first grandchild.

Adm. Roberts informed Council the wastewater project is completed, a culvert at Mechanic and S. Avenue A has been set and they are ready to pour the valley gutter.

Adm. Roberts stated the plans for the Veteran's Memorial Pavilion had been sent to the American Legion and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars groups and both groups are very pleased with the drawings.

Administrator Roberts announced the election laws have changed. The City and the Bellville Independent School District must now have a combined election. Early voting will be held by each entity and Election Day voting will be combined. The election (May 12, 2007) will be held at the Sens Center. Roberts also stated an agreement will be presented at the next meeting regarding the combining of polling places.

Alderman Courville asked about the progress of the departmental tagged inventory, the status of the State Comptroller's visit and whether Mrs. (Yolanda) Turner's request for a (W. Chatham) street sign for the street had been fulfilled.

9. PRESENTATION BY LCRA REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS HOLTKAMP IN REGARDS TO ANNEXATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Chris Holtkamp, a Lower Colorado River Authority representative presented Council with an informational packet entitled, Municipal Annexation in Texas "Is It Really That Complicated?" Mr. Holtkamp gave a presentation on annexation and answered questions.

10. CONSIDERATION OF STREET PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Craig Kankel of O'Malley Engineers appeared before Council and presented a brief synopsis of all areas in need of street repair.

After comments and discussion, Mayor Pro-Tempore Richardson suggested to Council they consider addressing this issue at another meeting. A Special Meeting was set for December 12, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.

11. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Bishop to award the bid for the 2005-2006 Sanitary Sewer Improvements at State Highway 36 and the Burlington Northern

Santa Fe Railway Crossing to the lowest bidder, Mercer Construction of Edna, Texas in the amount of \$101,585.00 contingent upon approval from ORCA. Mayor Pro-Tempore Richardson called for a vote. Aldermen Bishop, Courville and Kistler voted aye and Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

12. CONSIDERATION TO AWARD BID FOR SITE GRADING AT CLARK PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Bishop to award the bid for site grading at Clark Park to the lowest bidder, Dudley Construction of College Station, Texas in the amount of \$447,613.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Aldermen Browning and Courville want to see the contracts prior to signing.

13. CONSIDERATION OF REVISED PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SOUTH CREEK CROSSING, SECTION II, VARIANCE REQUEST(S) AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Steve Wilson of Wilson Engineering appeared before Council and presented a revised preliminary plat of South Creek Crossing, Section II. Mr. Wilson informed Council that there are three curves in Malinowski Parkway and one curve in Tyler Bend where the streets centerline radius is less than the 200 ft minimum radius as required by ordinance. Mr. Wilson asked for consideration of a variance to this requirement as the preliminary plat of South Creek Crossing, Section II shows the above listed curves with a center line radii of 50 ft, 75 ft, 125 ft and 150 ft.

After a discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Bishop to approve the revised preliminary plat of South Creek Crossing, Section II and the request for variance. Mayor Pro-Tempore Richardson called for a vote. Aldermen Browning, Kistler and Bishop voted aye and Alderman Courville was opposed. Motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION OF TREE ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A discussion was held in regards to a proposed tree ordinance. Attorney Smith was instructed to draft a basic tree ordinance pertaining to subdivisions. This item will appear on the next regular meeting agenda.

15. DISCUSSION OF SIGN ORDINANCE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A discussion was held concerning signage in the City of Bellville. The consensus of Council was to instruct Attorney Smith to draft a basic sign ordinance prohibiting billboards in the city limits and place this item on the next agenda.

16. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.