September 20, 2011

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

1.   5:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monte Richardson called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 James Harrison, Douglas Lottridge and Wayne Browning; thereby a quorum was established. Alderman Derek Anderson arrived at 5:11 p.m. and Alderman Joe Ed Lynn was absent. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4.   CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the agenda after deleting items 16 through 20 as recommended by Mayor Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

5.   CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2011 as presented. 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.)*

Mr. Delwin Rettig read the second public reading of the resolution approved by the BEDC: "A project to purchase and permanently install holiday/festival lighting on all downtown square buildings at a cost to the BEDC of $10,542.00."

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

Mayor Richardson and Alderman Browning commented on the abundance of dead trees throughout the City due to the drought.

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

City Administrator Lynn Roberts reported the City is taking down dead trees and continuing to cut back on water usage.

9.   CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE BEDC PROJECT TO INSTALL HOLIDAY/FESTIVAL LIGHTING ON ALL DOWNTOWN SQUARE BUILDINGS AT A COST TO THE EDC OF $10,542.00 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the BEDC project to install holiday/festival lighting on all downtown square buildings at a cost to the BEDC of $10,542.00. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2011-2012 BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the 2011-2012 Bellville Economic Development Corporation Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2011 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Harrison to reappoint Alderman Browning the Representative to the H-GAC 2012 General Assembly and Alderman Lottridge the Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF 2010-2011 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the 2010-2011 Budget Amendments as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

13. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Richardson opened the Budget Hearing at 5:16 p.m. No comments. The Budget Hearing closed at 5:17 p.m.

14. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve Ordinance #1431 adopting the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2011 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve Ordinance #1430 adopting the 2011 Effective Tax Rate of .2670. Motion carried unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 5:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.