

September 18, 2012

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 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, Wayne Browning, Derek Anderson, Joe Ed Lynn and James Harrison; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Lynn S. Roberts, Assistant City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Attorney Charley Smith and City Secretary Betty Hollon.

4. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2012 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 28, 2012 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.*)

Several local business owners spoke regarding parking on the square and/or parking lot improvement project.

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

No reports or requests.

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

City Administrator Lynn Roberts informed Council the new water well should be complete in approximately 3 (three) weeks. Also due to the Holidays in November the monthly meeting will be November 6th. Assistant City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported Mr. William Krueger of Jones & Carter is doing a street study and there are dead trees at Clark Park on the schedule to be removed.

9. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2012-2013 BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Monte Byrd, President of the Bellville Economic Development Corporation presented the 2012-2013 Budget to Council. The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF EDC PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

KGA Deforest presented Council with a downtown revitalization plan. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the Parking Lot Improvement Project in the amount of \$564,070.78 with the understanding EDC would be responsible for the maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Lynn to reappoint Alderman Wayne Browning the Representative to the H-GAC 2013 General Assembly and Alderman Douglas Lottridge the Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF 2011-2012 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Lynn to approve the 2011-2012 budget amendments presented by Assistant City Administrator Shawn Jackson. Motion carried unanimously.

13. BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Richardson opened the Budget Hearing at 6:07 p.m. No comments. The Budget Hearing closed at 6:08 p.m.

14. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve Ordinance #1447 adopting the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2012 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve Ordinance #1448 adopting the 2012 Effective Tax Rate of .2676. Motion carried unanimously.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Anderson to adjourn at 6:09 p.m.