

JULY 21, 2009

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 QUORUM

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

4. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

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

5. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 16, 2009 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.*)

No one present wished to address Council.

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

No reports or requests.

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

Administrator Roberts reported on street repair, the new meter reading system, and the cost of an installed privacy fence at Clark Park.

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

Due to Delwin Rettig's resignation, the motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Harrison to appoint Stephen Huber to the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board to fulfill the unexpired term of Mr. Rettig's expiring December 18, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT WITH BELLVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

A motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the Firefighting Contract between the City of Bellville and the Bellville Volunteer Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSSION WITH AUSTIN COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION REGARDING CITY PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Roy Mewis with the Austin County Fair Association asked Council's approval to install a new power pole at the City Park near the old swimming pool location. The motion was made by Alderman Lynn and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to allow the placement of the new power pole. Motion carried unanimously.

12. DISCUSSION REGARDING TAX ABATEMENT POLICY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Monte Byrd presented Council with information regarding a tax abatement policy for the City of Bellville. Council decided to schedule a Special Meeting for July 28th to discuss this item in greater detail.

13. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND ORDINANCE #695 – ARTICLE 10.200 TRAFFIC VISION OBSTRUCTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NOMINATING CANDIDATE TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUSTIN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

This item was tabled.

15. DISCUSSION REGARDING RFP'S FOR CONCESSION STAND AT CLARK PARK AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Richardson suggested the organization renting the ball fields would have access to use the concession stand if they choose. Council agreed.

16. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open session recessed at 5:53 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND 551.074 TO DELIBERATE

THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

Executive session convened at 6:00 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive session adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open session reconvened at 6:42 p.m.

20. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action taken.

21. CONSIDERATION OF TXDOT CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY INCLUDING BUDGET AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY

No action taken.

22. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.