

September 15, 2015

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

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

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn 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. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor Joe Ed Lynn, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge, Wayne Browning, Daniel Poffenberger, Clay Kistler and James Harrison; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were City Administrator Shawn Jackson, City Secretary Betty Hollon and City Attorney Charley Smith arrived at 5:02 p.m.

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 Browning to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2015 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Alderman Lottridge asked that the word "additional" be struck from the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 27, 2015 on Agenda Item 6 and then motioned to approve the minutes. Alderman Kistler seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING:** THE CITY COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX RATE OF \$0.2803 BEING CONSIDERED FOR TAX YEAR 2015.(THIS IS THE SECOND OF TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS.)

The Public Hearing opened at 5:03 p.m. Mr. James Elam commented on audit of taxpayer dollars. The Public Hearing closed at 5:05 p.m.

7. 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.)*

Those addressing Council were Mr. J. R. Johnson, Steve Huber and Mike Davis.

8. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MAYOR/COUNCIL MEMBERS/CITY ATTORNEY (DISCUSSION IS LIMITED TO STATEMENTS OF POLICY OR STATEMENTS OF FACTUAL MATTERS, OR THE REQUEST THAT A MATTER BE PLACED ON THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA)

Alderman Browning inquired about Police Department involvement in "National Night Out" and about maintainer being operational.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported Fall Clean-Up will be the week of October 19 – 23. It will be a curbside pickup.

10. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDC GRANT OF \$5,000 FOR PROJECT WITH BELLVILLE LION'S CLUB FOR PLACEMENT OF "WELCOME TO BELLVILLE" SIGN ON HIGHWAY 36 NORTH AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the \$5,000 EDC grant project with the Bellville Lion's Club for a "Welcome to Bellville" sign on Highway 36 North. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 2015-2016 BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to approve the 2015-2016 Bellville Economic Development Corporation Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF 2014-2015 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the 2014-2015 budget amendments presented by City Administrator Shawn Jackson. The adjustments were transferring funds from one department to another. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE OF GARBAGE RATES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve Ordinance #1500 increasing garbage rates inside the city limits to \$20.00 and outside city limits to \$30.00 and increasing dumpster rates. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF INCREASE OF PERMIT/INSPECTION FEES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve Ordinance #1499 increasing inspection/reinspection fees and permit fees. Motion carried unanimously.

15. BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing opened at 5:31 p.m. and closed at 5:32 p.m.

16. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:32 p.m.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, RESASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY

Executive Session convened at 5:35 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

19. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

20. CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL; OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

21. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Harrison and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt Ordinance #1497 approving the 2015-2016 Budget. Voting aye were Aldermen Harrison, Lottridge, Poffenberger and Kistler. Alderman Browning was opposed. Motion carried.

22. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2015 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to adopt Ordinance #1498 approving the 2015 tax rate of 0.2803. Motion carried unanimously.

23. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m. and Executive Session reconvened.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:12 p.m. and Open Session reconvened. No action. Regular Meeting of September 15, 2015 adjourned at 8:13 p.m.