

September 20, 2016

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, Clay Kistler, James Harrison, Wayne Browning and Daniel Poffenberger; thereby a quorum was established. Also present were 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 approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kistler to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2016, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 30, 2016, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 6, 2016 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 13, 2016 as presented. Motion carried. Alderman Browning abstained.

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. 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 on a needed workshop and asked about maintainer and commented better street maintenance is necessary. He also commented on mosquito spraying, Public Works Position and the unsightly property on Hwy 36 coming into town. Alderman Poffenberger asked if Department Heads could present a monthly report.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the Fall Cleanup (curbside) will be the week of October 17th through the 21st.

9. CONSIDERATION OF 2015-2016 BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the 2015-2016 budget amendments as proposed by City Administrator Shawn Jackson. Aldermen Lottridge, Kistler, Harrison, and Poffenberger voted aye. Alderman Browning voted nay. Motion carried.

10. BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing opened at 5:24 p.m. and closed at 5:25 p.m. No comments were made.

11. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE 2016 TAX RATE AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kistler to adopt the 2016 Tax Rate of .2803. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING SECTION 12.02.004 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DESIGNATING SOUTHERN TRAVEL ONLY ON SOUTH TESCH STREET FROM THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST LUHN STREET TO THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST HELLMUTH STREET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to amend Section 12.02.004 of the Code of Ordinances by designating southern travel only on S. Tesch Street from the northern boundary of its intersection with E. Luhn Street to the southern boundary of its intersection with E. Hellmuth Street. Alderman Poffenberger abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

14. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING SECTION 12.03.006 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, DESIGNATING THE EASTERN BOUNDARY OF SOUTH TESCH FROM THE EAST LUHN STREET INTERSECTION TO THE EAST HELLMUTH STREET INTERSECTION AS A "NO PARKING ZONE" AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to amend Section 12.03.006 of the Code of Ordinances by designating the eastern boundary of South Tesch from the E. Luhn Street intersection to the E. Hellmuth Street intersection as a "No Parking Zone". Alderman Poffenberger abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

15. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR A VARIANCE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3.03.003 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, PERMITTING A MANUFACTURED HOME TO BE LOCATED AT 407 WEST HICKORY STREET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to permanently table this item as recommended by City Attorney Charley Smith. This item should be addressed by the County. Motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDERATION OF INTER-JURISDICTIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR AUSTIN COUNTY & MEMBER CITIES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Browning and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the Inter-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Plan for Austin County and Member Cities submitted by Mr. Ray Chislett. Motion carried unanimously.

17. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 5:34 p.m.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.071 PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.072 DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.074 TO DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE 551.087 TO DELIBERATE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS

Executive Session convened at 5:36 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

20. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 6:49 p.m.

21. CONSIDERATION OF PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY, DELIBERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE AND DELIBERATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.