

JULY 16, 2019

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF BELLVILLE

1. 5:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor James Harrison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wayne Browning led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor James Harrison, Alderman Douglas Lottridge, Alderwomen Cassie Janish and Donna Jacob; thereby a quorum was established. Alderman Clay Kistler arrived at 5:35 p.m. and Alderman Arlie Kendrick was absent. 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 Alderwoman Janish and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019 as presented and to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 11, 2019 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 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)

Alderwoman Janish and Alderwoman Jacob commented on delinquent utility accounts and they were informed a meeting with a collection agency was to occur on Thursday, July 18th. Alderwoman Jacob thanked Public Works Director, Ben Munsch for his assistance with the new parking lot where the Habitat for Humanity Building once stood and inquired on the procedure for citizens to contact Police after hours.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the new contract for the N. Mechanic water project should be completed soon and budget workshops will begin in August.

9. REPORT FROM AIRPORT BOARD

Mr. Matt Riefkohl gave Council an update on the Airport. Matt reported air traffic has increased and the courtesy car has made a big difference. Also the Bellville Airport has a facebook page. If lease continues, building improvements will come next.

10. UPDATE ON STRATEGIC VISION COMMITTEE

Mr. Ric Flores the Chair for the Strategic Vision Committee gave Council an update on the progress of the Committee. The Committee consists of James Harrison, Douglas Lottridge, Garrett Dornon, Ric Flores and Ross Farrell. Their first meeting was held June 4, 2019. It was mentioned that hiring Diane White, the Facilitator, was a wise move. She is very knowledgeable. The next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2019.

11. CONSIDERATION OF AUDITING SERVICES PROPOSALS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Three RFQ's were received for auditing services: (1) Seidel Schroeder, (2) Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP and (3) BrooksWatson & Company. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to accept the recommendation of Cathy Ezell and hire BrooksWatson for a five-year term with the understanding that auditing services be reviewed each year. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION OF BANK DEPOSITORY PROPOSALS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Two bank depository proposals were received: (1) First National Bank of Bellville and (2) Austin County State Bank. The recommendation of Cathy Ezell was to stay with First National. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kistler to award the bank depository to First National Bank of Bellville. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to approve the Quarterly Investment Report of June 30, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION TO ISSUE A PERMIT TO PLACE A LAMP POST ON A CITY STREET AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to approve the permit to place a lamp post on the square against the curb by Buck Ferguson Originals. Motion carried unanimously.

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTION 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

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

18. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

19. 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

20. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderwoman Janish and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.