

JULY 18, 2017

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 John Moore; 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 Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Browning to adopt the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2017 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Moore to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2017 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.)

Local citizens Danny Jacob and Pat Burns spoke in favor of "quieter" zone while Annye King does not view the train horn an issue and would like the funds put to a better use. Reesa Ueckert commented the Bellville Village property is not being maintained and ordinances are not being enforced. Rev. J. R. Johnson and Pam Crow spoke regarding problems at Bellville Housing Authority and Rev. Johnson asked what would be required to have a June 19th parade in Bellville. Tom Barron spoke in favor of Turnverein Restoration Project mentioning the additional visitors and revenue it will bring to Bellville.

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 Harrison gave a BIG "Thank-You" to First Responders and Alderman Browning commented on Retiree Insurance and mentioned 80% of the retirees live outside the city limits.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson informed Council the Anderson Street project should be completed within the next week.

9. DISCUSSION ON INITIAL AND TOTAL OVERALL COSTS AND BENEFITS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF QUIET ZONE PROPOSAL AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Pat Burns and Mr. Paul Jones of the EDC requested Council's approval to hire a consultant (Quiet Zone Technologies) to provide facts and guidance in order to make an informed decision. The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Moore to approve EDC's request as submitted with the provision subject to the rewriting to insure Council's intent of securing necessary information without locking the City into something that would not be beneficial with expenditure up to \$13,000 with the understanding the final contract would be split into three separate phases. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO BELLVILLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mayor Joe Ed Lynn recommended appointing Garrett Dornon to fulfill the unexpired term of John Moore on the Bellville Economic Development Corporation Board. The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Lottridge to appoint Mr. Dornon to the EDC Board. The unexpired term expires on December 16, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
11. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AUDITING SERVICES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Kistler and seconded by Alderman Browning to award the bid for auditing services to Belt Harris Pechacek. Two bids were submitted: Seidel Schroeder's price was \$29,930 and Belt Harris Pechacek's bid was \$26,500. Motion carried unanimously.
12. DISCUSSION REGARDING SENS CENTER AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Sandra Gilbert spoke to Council sharing her ideas and improvements regarding the Sens Center.
13. DISCUSSION REGARDING GARBAGE COLLECTION AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Alderman Browning commented on the health issue of employees due to once a week garbage pickup. Alderman Browning commented maggots are a big problem especially on Mondays. Per City Administrator Shawn Jackson, the City is saving a considerable amount of money with once a week pickup and recycling revenue is up. The Sanitation Department will begin disinfecting the trucks 2-3 times a week.
14. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE EDC'S REQUEST FOR EXPENDITURE TO HIRE AN ARCHITECT FOR BELLVILLE TURNVEREIN PAVILION RESTORATION PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Harrison to approve the EDC's request up to \$20,000 to hire an architect to perform a building assessment for the Turnverein Pavilion Restoration Project. Motion carried unanimously.
15. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:36 p.m.
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

Executive Session convened at 6:39 p.m.
17. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:09 p.m.
18. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 7:10 p.m.
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 ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action
20. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Browning to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.