

JUNE 18, 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

Pastor Moore of New Jerusalem Baptist Church led all in prayer and Pledges of Allegiance.

3. CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Present-to-wit: Mayor James Harrison, Aldermen Douglas Lottridge and Arlie Kendrick, Alderwomen Donna Jacob and Cassie Janish; thereby a quorum was established. Alderman Clay Kistler 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 Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2019 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 14, 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)

Mayor James Harrison presented Proclamations to EMS and Mr. John Pritchett. Alderman Kendrick requested maintenance be done on the stop sign at N. Cummings and W. Main and to check the storm drain at S. Mathews and E. O' Bryant and inquired on Airport and dumpsters. Alderwoman Jacob recognized Robert Mays who retired with 20 years service and inquired on Fire Marshall inspections, delinquent account write-offs/extensions, plans of action for traffic issues, and invoice coded in error to overtime wages in May.

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

City Administrator Shawn Jackson reported the bonding company for the S. Mechanic Grant Project is receiving bids for new contractor, also water samples on S. Masonic have passed and mosquito spraying is occurring throughout the City.

9. CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF 2017-2018 ANNUAL AUDIT PRESENTED BY BELT HARRIS PECHACEK, LLLP AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Mr. Robert Belt of Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP presented the 2017-2018 Annual Audit to Council. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to approve the Annual Audit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Janish to approve the appointment of Mayor James Harrison as the City of Bellville Representative to the 2019 General Assembly and appoint Alderman Arlie Kendrick the Official Alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT TO AUSTIN COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT (911) AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to appoint Sandra Alaniz to the Austin County Emergency Communications District (911) Board for the unexpired term of January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND ARTICLE A3.000 BUILDING RELATED FEES, SECTION A3.001 BUILDING PERMITS AND INSPECTION FEES– FEE SCHEDULE TO CONFORM WITH RECENT STATUTORY CHANGES AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Per House Bill 852 the City was mandated to change building permit fees to be based on square footage and not value. The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to amend Article A3.000 Building Related Fees, Section A3.001 Building permits and Inspection Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 2014-01 A, B, C , & D AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

The motion was made by Alderwoman Janish and seconded by Alderwoman Jacob to approve the recommendation by the Building Standards Commission and to proceed abatement process on all four properties presented. Motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 2014-02 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Same as above.

15. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 2019-01 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Same as above.

16. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY 2019-02 AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

Same as above.

17. CONSIDERATION TO AMEND ARTICLE 3.07.010 BILLBOARDS AND SIMILAR SIGNS ORDINANCE TO PERMIT PROGRAMMABLE ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

City Attorney Charley Smith will get more information to present to Council. The motion was made by Alderwoman Janish and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to table this item. Motion carried unanimously.

18. OPEN SESSION RECESSED

Open Session recessed at 6:38 p.m.

19. EXECUTIVE SESSION CONVENED UNDER TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 551.072 DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY

Executive Session convened at 6:41 p.m.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

Executive Session adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

21. OPEN SESSION RECONVENED

Open Session reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

22. CONSIDERATION OF DELIBERATION OF ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY RELATED ACTION NECESSARY

No action.

23. ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Alderman Lottridge and seconded by Alderman Kendrick to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.