

Regular Meeting Minutes
CITY OF BEVIL OAKS, TEXAS

June 16, 2022

1. **Call to Order @ 6:00 pm**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**
 - a. The United States Flag
 - b. The Texas state flag: "*Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.*"
3. **Roll Call** All present except Martha Vautrot
4. **Conflict of Interest Statement - None**
5. **Citizen Comments (3 minutes each)** – An opportunity for the citizens to address Council on agenda items or concerns not on the agenda – those wishing to speak must complete the comment card, present the comment card to the City Secretary prior to the beginning of the meeting, and observe a 3-minute time limit
 - **Lee Lindsey (Sour Lake resident)**- mentions that the school safety is lacking. Wanted to come to the meeting since Bevil Oaks is part of the same school district. He wanted to come before Council to see if they would attend a town hall meeting with the school board.
 - **Councilman Mullins**- When is the meeting
 - **Lee Lindsey**- Tuesday
 - **Councilman Merendino**- What are the aspects of the security that is currently in place?
 - **Lee Lindsey** – One officer
 - **Mayor Emmons**- states that Officer Miller will be at our meeting next month to discuss the same issue.
 - **Connie (Sour Lake Councilwoman)** – If we could get Sour Lake Council and Bevil Oaks Council together to go to the school board meeting, that would be a great way to service our citizens/parents
 - **Councilman Merendino**- mentions that he knows someone that used to be on the Beaumont school board that he could get them the contact information for.
 - **Lee Lindsey** – right now there is no security at the high school. Anyone can walk into the building, to the receptionist desk and get to the cafeteria without any security.

 - **Dale Darby**- would like to postpone his comment until the announcement is supposed to be made

 - **Beth Howard**- What is going to be done with the abandoned houses that have not been touched since Harvey?
 - **Mayor Emmons** – The City attorney is working on skip tracing to get in touch with the owners

6. Review/Approve Consent Items – M/M/2/C – Councilwoman Mitchell/Councilman Emmons - *Approved*

- a. Financial Reports for City of Bevil Oaks
- b. Financial Reports for Water
- c. Report by Utility Specialties
- d. Previous Meeting Minutes

7. Presentation

- a. Presentation from Edgar, Kiker & Cross of the 2021-year end financials
 - **Charolette Yeates-** explains that the financial statements that are in the packets are the ones that will be sent to Charles Reed for the 2021 Audit. **Proceeds to go over the line items and accounts for the City General Accounts with the Council.**
 - **Charolette Yeates-** Goes over the Public Works accounts.
 - **Councilwoman Mitchell –** What is the long-term debt for the \$106,000?
 - **Charolette Yeates –** that is for the bond payment and the water meters
 - **Councilwoman Mitchell –** what is the bond premium?
 - **Charolette Yeates –** a little over \$80,000.00
 - **Councilwoman Mitchell –** Is this a monthly payment?
 - **Charolette Yeates –** No.
 - **Councilwoman Mitchell –** What/When do we pay the bond payments? Is it a monthly payment?
 - **Charolette Yeates –** There are two payments. One of them is the interest payment and the other is for the actual bond payment. ***Proceeds to go over the line items.***
 - **Charolette Yeates-** mentions that she has sent everything for the 2021 audit to Charles Reed this morning.
 - **Councilman Merendino –** How can the auditor accurately do the audit without going to City Hall and looking through the actual paperwork for the year?
 - **Charolette Yeates –** We send them all the files that they need and that they request.
 - **Mayor Emmons-** Mentions that we were on a call with FEMA this morning discussing the CDL (Community Disaster Loan)
 - **Charolette Yeates –** Explains what the CDL is. Explains that the previous Mayor and Council at the time of the application for the CDL, did not want to obtain the funds at the time because they didn't want the funds to not be forgiven. If the funds were not forgiven, then the funds would have to be paid back. The City has the potential to obtain the funds and there is a very high probability that the funds will transfer from a loan to a grant.
 - **Mayor Emmons-** We will know all the information by the next Council meeting on July 21st.

8. Discussion/Action Items

- a. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of the 2021-year end financials previously presented by Edgar, Kiker & Cross. **M/M/2/C – Councilman Mullins/Councilman Emmons- Approved**
- b. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of a resolution authorizing approval of the City’s Recovery Plan associated with the implementation of the City’s American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). **M/M/2/C - Councilman Emmons/Councilman Mullins- Approved**
 - **Mayor Emmons-** Reads the resolution. **Explains how much the funds are and what they are allocated for.**
- c. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of a resolution authorizing the Mayor to act as the City’s executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining the City’s implementation of the ARPA funds. **M/M/2/C – Councilman Mullins/Councilman Emmons- Approved**
- d. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of a resolution of the City Council authorizing the classification of the Bevil Oaks ARPA funds allocation as revenue loss under the U.S. Department of Treasury’s final rule’s standard allowance for the provision of government services. **M/M/2/C – Councilman Merendino/Councilwoman Mitchell- Approved**
- e. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of a resolution to adopt policies in connection with the City of Bevil Oaks participation in federally funded projects associated with the ARPA fund and adherence to the regulation described therein. **M/M/2/C - Councilman Merendino/Councilwoman Mitchell- Approved**
- f. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of a resolution to change the time of the Council meetings from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. **M/M/2/C – Councilwoman Mitchell/Councilman Mullins- Approved**

9. Discussion

- a. **Water/Sewer rates-** Councilwoman Mitchell
 - **Councilwoman Mitchell-** states that she has pulled research from other City’s water rates that have a similar population to Bevil Oaks

10. Reports

- a. **Councilman Merendino-** Flood Prevention Project
 - **Councilman Merendino-** Will be going to the County next week to see why they haven’t been out here.

11. Adjourn Meeting @ 7:29 pm- due to bad weather and loss of electricity.

Barbara Emmons

Mayor, Barbara Emmons

Attest: Doug Mullins

City Secretary, Doug Mullins