

Regular Meeting Minutes

City of Bevil Oaks

March 17,2022

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 Councilman Mullins and Councilman Smith
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
6. **Review/Approve Consent Items- *Approved- M/M/2/C-*** Councilwoman Mitchell/Councilman Emmons
 - a. Financial Reports for City of Bevil Oaks
 - b. Financial Reports for Water
 - c. Report by Utility Specialties
 - d. Previous Meeting Minutes
7. **Review/Approve Action Items**
 - a. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of ordinance variance request by resident for the late and disconnect fee. ***Denied-***
 - b. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of resident being reimbursed for tire that was damaged due to the bricks that were placed in the pothole on Sweetgum. ***Denied-***
 - c. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of Appointment of Council Officers- ***Approved- M/M/2/C- Councilman Merendino/Councilman Emmons***
 - Councilwoman Vautrot no longer Mayor Pro-Tem
 - Councilwoman Mitchell New Mayor Pro-Tem- **2 - yes 1 - no**
 - Councilman Mullins stays City Secretary- Unanimous **Yes**
 - d. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of Resolution to place City Golf cart up for sale and/or auction it off. ***Approved- M/M/2/C- Councilman Merendino/Councilwoman Mitchell***
 - e. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of Resolution for the change in office hours- ***Approved- M/M/2/C- Councilman Merendino/Councilman Emmons***
 - f. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval** of Drought Contingency Plan that is currently in place. ***Approved- M/M/2/C- Councilman Emmons/Councilman Merendino***
8. **Discussion**
 - a. CenterPoint Energy – Notice of CenterPoint Energy’s 2022 GRIP Filing for the Beaumont/East Texas Division
 - b. Discussion on how Council receives their packets at the Council meetings, via email only vs. paper & email
 - **Paper Copy-** Councilman Merendino
 - **Electronic Copy-** Everyone else
9. **Reports**
 - a. Councilwoman Vautrot – Grounds and Maintenance
 - **Councilwoman Vautrot-** Minor curfew is 10 pm. Minors don’t need to be out after this time.
 - **Councilwoman Vautrot-** speaks at about keeping things clean.

- b. Councilman Merendino – Flood Prevention Project
- **Mayor Emmons-** Speaks about the work that DD6 is doing on Davida
 - **Councilman Merendino-** asks when the County will be out to clean out the ditches on Davida.
 - **Mayor Emmons-** states that the County will be out to clean the ditches once DD6 gets through with their part.
- c. Councilman Emmons – Roads and Drainage
- **Councilman Emmons-** we have not heard back from FEMA on the capped improvement project. Asked the engineers if there was any way that we could put the work off for the roads due to the rise in costs of materials. States that we would not be able to do that due to having a deadline to spend the money that the City obtained from the Grant.
- d. Councilman Smith – Emergency Management- **Not Present**
- e. Councilman Mullins – Water & Sewer- **Not Present**
- f. Councilwoman Mitchell – Water Rates Project
- **Councilwoman Mitchell-** looking at several different things. Waiting on replies back from the CPA to help get the answers that she needs to work on the study.
- g. Mayor Emmons – Permit Payments & other various Items
- **Mayor Emmons-** Permit payments are only accepted in the form of check or money order right now, but we are in the process of getting the system set up to take credit card payments. It will take a little bit to get the software set up to take those payment, but it will soon be an option
 - **Mayor Emmons-** Council needs to start thinking about going out for new professionals, such as CPA, to see if they want to look into getting someone else to cover those particular services.
 - **Mayor Emmons-** She has been working with DD6 and the County on things that will benefit Bevil Oaks.
 - **Mayor Emmons-** Will be designating the Civic Center as an Emergency Shelter for Jefferson County.

Adjourn Meeting @ 7:10 pm

Barbara Emmons

Mayor, Barbara Emmons

Attest: Doug Mullins

City Secretary, Doug Mullins