

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

July 14, 2020

COUNTY OF GRAYSON §

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas was held remotely via Zoom Teleconferencing on July 14, 2020.

Members Present:

Angela LeBlanc-Mayor

Roger Goodwin – Mayor Pro-Tem

Jennifer Washburn - Councilwoman

Tammy Hartline – Councilwoman

Bill Richtermeyer - Councilman
Diane Snavely - Councilwoman

Staff Present:

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Pam Winkler – City Secretary

Nick Williamson – Public Works

Lee Culley - Chief of Police

AGENDA

1. Call to Order @6:01 pm

Public Hearing

For the purpose of a variance for front yard of property at 312 S. Jernigan in the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas as shown as being a tract of land known as: Property ID # 213382, Geo ID #B002 027003001, Crawford James A-G0270, Acres 1.6, 165x.44x164.09x428.44 by the Grayson County Appraisal District presently zoned as Single Family Residential District (SF-1) requesting issuance of a variance for a four (4) foot fence across the front yard on the north side to align with four(4) foot fence on the south side of front yard.

- A. Citizens Comments none
- B. Commissioners Comments none

For the purpose of a zoning change request by Elijio Colunga, Jr at 2201 N Pecan St. in the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas as shown as being a track of land known as: Property ID#403419, Geo ID #758000109, Munal Addition, Blk 1, Lot N Pt 7, Acres 1.763 by the Grayson County Appraisal District presently zoned as Commercial, requesting a zoning change to Single Family Residential District SF-1.

- A. Citizens Comments none
- B. Commissioners Comments none
- 3. <u>Citizens Forum:</u> At this time, any person may address the Council regarding an item on this meeting agenda that is not scheduled for public hearing. Also, at this time any person may address the Council regarding an item that is not on this meeting agenda. Each person will be allowed up to three (3) minutes to speak. No discussion or action may be taken at this meeting on items not listed on this agenda, other than to make statements of specific factual information in response to a citizen's inquiry. (Sec. 551.042 and 551.007 of Open Meeting Act).

None.

4. Reports

a. BVFD b. Police Department

c. Public Works

Ronnie Lewis presented the report for the BVFD. Roger Goodwin asked if the Suburban was in service. Ronnie Lewis said it was not in service, but he was not sure what the department was going to do with it at this time.

Chief Culley presented the report for the Police Department. Nick Williamson presented the report for Public Works. Action Items

5. CONSENT AGENDA All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Councilmember so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

a. Consider and approve monthly financial report.

b. Consider and approve minutes for regular meeting on June 9, 2020 and special session on June 22, and June 29, 2020.

Roger Goodwin asked that the financial report could be moved to the regular agenda, he had some questions.

Jennifer Washburn made a motion to approve the regular session minutes on June 9, 2020 and special session minutes on June 22, and June 29, 2020. Diane Snavely seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and act on Resolution PZ 06252020 recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on a variance for front yard of property at 312 S. Jernigan in the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas as shown as being a tract of land known as: Property ID # 213382, Geo ID #B002 027003001, Crawford James A-G0270, Acres 1.6, 165x.44x164.09x428.44 by the Grayson County Appraisal District presently zoned as Single Family Residential District (SF-1) requesting issuance of a variance for a four (4) foot fence across the front yard on the north side to align with four(4) foot fence on the south side of front yard.

Roger Goodwin was concerned that since the ordinance says no fences in the front yard, if passed, could it set a precedence for the future.

Jennifer Washburn made a motion to accept the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to grant a variance for a fence in the front yard. Tammy Hartline seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0 with Roger Goodwin voting against.

7. Consider and act on Resolution PZ 06252020A recommendation from Planning and Zoning Commission on a zoning change request by Elijio Colunga, Jr at 2201 N Pecan St. in the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas as shown as being a track of land known as: Property ID#403419, Geo ID #758000109, Munal Addition, Blk 1, Lot N Pt 7, Acres 1.763 by the Grayson County Appraisal District presently zoned as Commercial, requesting a zoning change to Single Family Residential District SF-1.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to deny the request to change the zoning from Commercial to Single Family Residential. Jennifer Washburn seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0

8. Consider and amend Ordinance 99-0928-A –Single Family Residential District – Agriculture as Permitted Use.

Tammy Hartline made a motion to amend Ordinance 99-0928-A. Jennifer Washburn seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

- 9. Consider and act on approving the cost for the re-bedding of the drying beds at the WWTP.

 Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve the cost for the re-bedding of the drying beds at the WWTP. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0
- 10. Consider and approve calendar for Budget Workshops and Special Meetings.
 Jennifer Washburn made a motion to approve the calendar for Budget Workshop and Special Meetings as presented. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and approve health benefits for the 2020-2021 Budget year through TML Health Benefits Pool.

Tammy Hartline made a motion to approve the the health benefits for the 2020-2021 Budget year through TML Health Benefits Pool. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

12. Consider and nominate member to the Bells Economic Development Corporation for the unexpired term for Place 7.

Tammy Hartline made a motion to nominate Heather McCallister for the unexpired term for Place 7 to the Bells Economic Development Corporation. Diane Snavely seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

- 13. Consider and act on bid for the remodel to enter the Council Chambers from the north side of building and build a storage closet for the Bells Snap Center.
 Roger Goodwin made a motion to accept the bid to remodel the entrance to the Council Chambers from the northside of the building and a storage closet for the Bells Snap Center. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-1 with Tammy Hartline voting against.
- 14. Consider and act on request from the Bells Volunteer Fire Department for the request to use budgeted monies for the shipping cost in the amount of \$1250.00 for the skid unit for vehicle received from Texas Forestry Service.
 Tammy Hartline made a motion to approve the request from the Bells Volunteer Fire Department for the request to use budgeted monies for the shipping cost in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the skid unit for vehicle received from Texas Forestry Service. Diane Snavely seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.
- 15. Consider and approve monthly financial report.
 Roger Goodwin asked why the Municipal Court Judge and Prosecutor were being paid when we were not having court. City Secretary said that per contract they had to be paid. Mayor said that we will revisit the contract when it come up for renewal.
 Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Jennifer Washburn seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.
- **16.** <u>Informational Reports:</u> These reports are for information only. No discussion is appropriate unless there is a specific item listed below or there is a request that the item be placed on a subsequent agenda as a discussion and action item. Sec. 551.0415 of Open Meetings Act):

City of Bells Crossroads of Friendli

- a. Mayor's Report: Mayor stated all was still working on the Sewer Projects and hope to have information to the council next month.
- b. Council's Report: Tammy Hartline was wondering if the city can use the money from the state for the Covid-19 to off set the drop in sales tax. Mayor said the state does not allow that. Tammy Hartline also stated that some citizens have asked about speed bumps on Vernon St. Jennifer Washburn asked if anyone know the status of the new pharmacy. Mayor said the Contractor had asked to renew the permit, as he is having trouble getting building supplies.
- 17. Adjournment: 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST BY:

Pam Winkler, City Secretary

Angela LeBlanc, Mayor