



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GRAYSON §

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of Bells will conduct a Regular Meeting scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021, located at Bells City Hall, 203 S. Broadway, Bells, Texas by telephone or video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda will be posted online at www.cityofbells.org.

Videoconferencing capabilities will be utilized to allow individuals to address the Council. The public will be permitted to offer public comments electronically, via chat, as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting. The meeting is hosted through Zoom. Citizens may join the Zoom meeting by visiting the city’s website at www.cityofbells.org to retrieve the URL by the date and time of the meeting.

The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the City website following the conclusion of the meeting within 24 hours.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Hearing
For the submission of an application to the 2021/2022 Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TxCDBG) grant. The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens’ participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TxCDBG funding available, all eligible TxCDBG activities and the use of past TxCDBG funds.
 - A. Citizens Comments
 - B. Commissioners Comments
3. **Citizens Forum:** *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).*
4. **Reports from Department Heads.**
 - a. Fire Department
 - b. Police Department
 - c. 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 regular session minutes on December 8th and special meetings on December 7th, and December 14th, 2020.
- 6. Consider and approve Invoices for the Bells Volunteer Fire Department
 - a. Task Force Tips – seal to fix leak on E91 - \$16.25
 - b. Siddons-Martin – repairs to E91 - \$2,116.68
- 7. Consider and approve the purchase of a new light bar from Priority Public Safety in the amount of \$2520.00 for Officer Harris’s patrol unit.
- 8. Consider and approve Austin Atherton as a Reserve Officer for Bells Police Department.
- 9. Consider and select Administrative Services for the TxCDBG 2021-2022 Grant from RFP received.
- 10. Consider and approve Resolution 01122021 authorizing professional service provider selection for TxCDBG 2021-2022 Grant.
- 11. Consider and act on making application for the Antero Technical Assistant Grant (A-TAG) in the amount of \$15,000.00 for a Comprehensive Plan for the City of Bells.
- 12. Consider and discuss appointment of Liaison from Council for Bells Youth Sports.
- 13. Consider and discuss agreement for responsibility between City of Bells and Bells Youth Sports (BYS) for the fiscal year of 2021.
- 14. Consider and act on placing Flagpole at the North entrance of City Hall.
- 15. **Informational Reports:** *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):*
 - a. Mayor’s Report
 - b. Council’s Report
- 16. Adjournment

The City Council of the City of Bells reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during this meeting to discuss any matters that are eligible to be discussed in executive session, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), and 551.074 (Personnel Matters).

THIS MEETING IS ACCESSIBLE TO THE DISABLED. IF YOU NEED AN INTERPRETER OR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, CALL 903.965.7744 AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING.

I, Pam Winkler, hereby certify that the above agenda is publicly posted on/or before 4:00 p.m. on this 8th, day of January 2021.

_____ Date

_____ Time

_____ Pam Winkler, City Secretary