



THE STATE OF TEXAS §

March 09, 2021

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 March 09, 2021.

Members Present: *Angela LeBlanc-Mayor* *Roger Goodwin – Mayor Pro-Tem*
 Bill Richtermeyer - Councilman *Allen Polk - Councilman*
 Jeff Cockrill - Councilman *Aaron Mallory - Councilman*

Staff Present: *Beth Woodson – City Administrator* *Nick Williamson – Public Works*
 Pam Winkler – City Secretary *Lee Culley – Chief of Police*

AGENDA

1. Call to Order @ 6:02 pm
2. **Public Hearing**
For the purpose of a Specific Use request by Clint Key, 215 N. Broadway Street, in the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas as shown as being a track of land known as: Property ID #138344, Geo ID #B002 5554023, Duganville, Block2, Lot 39 & 40, 50 X 123 .14 AC Adjoins Boo2 5554022 by the Grayson County Appraisal District presently zoned as General Commercial District, requesting a Specific Use Permit to be used as a commercial building with living quarters attached.
 - a. Citizens Comments: *Jason Sheldon spoke and said he was considering buying the property and have an Iron gate business there.*
 - b. Council Comments: *Aaron Mallory stated that he felt a business and residence should separate. Allen Polk felt it should stay a commercial property. Mayor said that once the pharmacy is complete, TxDot was going to require the parking lot be curbed, which will increase traffic on N. Broadway and North Street.*
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).*
None.

4. **Reports**

- a. BVFD b. Police Department c. Public Works

Ronnie Lewis presented the report for the BVFD.

Lee Culley presented the report for the Police Dept.

Nick Williamson presented the report for the Public Works Dept.

Roger Goodwin asked about the air in Well #5. Nick said when the pressure tank goes dry, it will do that and can take up to a couple of months to remove. He said he has flushed the lines.

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 February 09, 2021.

Allen Polk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider and act on Resolution PZ 03092021 from the Planning and Zoning Commission on a Specific Use request by Clint Key, 215 N. Broadway Street, in the City of Bells, Grayson County, Texas as shown as being a track of land known as: Property ID #138344, Geo ID #B002 5554023, Duganville, Block2, Lot 39 & 40, 50 X 123 .14 AC Adjoins Boo2 5554022 by the Grayson County Appraisal District presently zoned as General Commercial District, requesting a Specific Use Permit to be used as a commercial building with living quarters attached.

Allen Polk made a motion to deny the Specific Use request by Clint Key. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

7. Consider and act on Councilmember Goodwin request for the cutting of all low tree limbs in Park, water tower and cemetery.

Roger Goodwin said he would like the city to get bids to get the limbs trimmed and that he had been trying to get them trimmed since last June. Mayor said the cemetery could not afford to pay anyone to come and cut limbs, especially with mowing season coming. Jeff Cockrill asked if public works could do it and save the city some money.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to have the public works guys trim all the low tree limbs in Park, Water Tower, and Cemetery. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0

8. Consider and act on usage of City of Bells tax identification number for Bells Volunteer Fire Department purchases.

Jeff Cockrill stated that BVFD had started the process, but it required someone's social security number, and no one would be willing to do that. Ronnie Lewis asked what the value of the BVFD getting their own tax identification number. Mayor stated it was mainly due to grants.

Ronnie Lewis said he did not understand because whether something was purchased by the Bells Volunteer Fire Association or the city, everything belonged to the city. Roger Goodwin said we needed more research. Mayor stated that she had said she would help in this matter.

Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to table until further information is obtained. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0

9. Consider and act on the replacement of 1850 ft of 3-inch 800 PSI supply line fire hose at loss of \$9,768.00.

Ronnie Lewis stated that on November 30, 2020 it was on the truck and sometime between then and now they discovered it missing. He really does not believe it could fall off the truck, he suspects otherwise. They have searched roadways, Facebook, craigs list and contact the other surrounding fire chiefs. Mayor stated the council needed to be aware of this since insurance claims raise insurance rates, and the snowstorm has caused a lot of damage that is being filed.

Roger Goodwin asked if they police department was notified that it was missing. Mayor stated that the police department needed to do an investigation as the insurance will request that. Allen Polk stated that there was a backdoor that was not properly secured and that should be taken care of.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to have the Bells Police Dept do an investigation so that it can file on the insurance and to secure the backdoor. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

10. Consider and approve Agreement for Responsibilities of Kimball-Carter Complex between City of Bells and Bells Youth Sports for the fiscal year of 2021.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve the Agreement for Responsibilities of Kimball-Carter Complex between the City of Bells and Bells Youth Sports for the fiscal year of 2021. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

11. Consider and approve the request from Bells Community Development Corporation to expend funds for the repairs of ballfield lights at the Kimball-Carter Complex in the amount of \$6,900.00. **Jeff Cockrill made a motion to approve the request from Bells Community Development Corporation to expend \$6,900 to repair lights at the Kimball-Carter Complex. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

12. Consider and act on Sanitation Solution proposal to exercise the five (5) year extension clause with mutual agreement of both parties with rate increase.

Allen Polk made a motion to act on new contract between Sanitation Solutions and City of Bells. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

13. Consider and act on setting a date for City of Bells Citywide Spring Clean Up.

Allen Polk made a motion to select the 4th Saturday of May every year and this year if available. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

14. Consider and act on Ordinance 03092021 No Parking Zone in the 1200 Block of N. Pecan.

Chief Culley stated that after research it was determined that the last wreck wasn't a factor in the parking. He felt the ordinance wasn't particularly needed at this point.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to deny Ordinance 03092021 No Parking Zone in the 1200 Block of N. Pecan. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

15. Consider and act on application change for the City of Bells Water Improvement Project.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on application change for the City of Bells Water Improvement Project. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

16. Consider and act on application change for the City of Bells Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on application change for the City of Bells Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

17. Consider and act on increasing the cost of the Zoning Amendment Request from Planning and Zoning Commission.

City Administrator stated that we are losing money on Zoning Amendment request due to the cost of certified mail you must send, current fee is \$100. Roger Goodwin asked if \$200 would cover cost, she believes it will.

Roger Goodwin made a motion to increase the fee of the Zoning Amendment Request to \$200.00. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

18. Consider and discuss the date for the Annual City-Wide Garage Sale.

Jeff Cockrill stated that while speaking of garage sales, he was concerned with all the signs in the TxDot right a way. City Administrator said there was not to be any signs in the right a way and either public works or the police department will remove them.

Allen Polk made a motion to have the City Wide Garage Sale on the 3rd Saturday of every May. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

19. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Council may convene into Executive Session for: Deliberation Personnel Matters (Texas Government Code, Section 551.074) –deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.
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| a. Beth Woodson, City Administrator | b. Pam Winkler, City Secretary |
| c. Shonda Latimer, City Clerk | d. Nick Williamson – Facility Supervisor |
| e. Bradlee Little – Field Supervisor | f. Bobby Stegman – Utility Employee |
| g. Lee Culley – Chief of Police | h. Justin Bachman – Sergeant |
| i. Andrew White – Patrolman | j. Hunter Harris – Patrolman. |
- Allen Polk made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:32 pm. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**
- Roger Goodwin made a motion to enter Regular Session at 7:39 pm. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
20. Consider and act upon items listed under Item #19 Executive Session, as necessary. **Roger Goodwin made a motion to give the Mayor authority to do what was discussed in Executive Session. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
21. **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):*
- Mayor's Report: **As of now the City will continue Zoom Meetings.**
 - Council's Report: **Roger Goodwin stated that the council needs to decide what will be done with the old brush truck.**
22. Adjournment: **7:44 p.m.**

ATTEST BY:

Pam Winkler, City Secretary

Angela LeBlanc, Mayor