



THE STATE OF TEXAS §

June 8, 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 in the Council Chambers of City Hall on June 8, 2021.**

*Members Present:* Terry Crumby – Mayor Roger Goodwin – Mayor Pro-Tem  
Bill Richtermeyer - Councilman Allen Polk - Councilman  
Aaron Mallory - Councilman Jeff Cockrill - 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 at 6:00 pm with a full quorum
2. **Public Hearing**  
For the purpose of proposed Voluntary Annexation Petition by Darryl Cavalier as so described in the petition.
  - A. Citizens Comments **None**
  - B. Commissioners Comments **None****Action Items**
3. Consider and act on Ordinance 06082021 for Voluntary Annexation Petition for Darryl Cavalier as described territory to the City of Bells and extending the boundary limits of city.  
**Jeff Cockrill made a motion to act on Ordinance 06082021 for Voluntary Annexation Petition for Darryl Cavalier as described territory to the City of Bells and extending the boundary limits of city. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**
4. **Public Hearing**  
For the purpose of proposed Voluntary Annexation Petition by Jason Mayfield as so described in the petition.
  - A. Citizens Comments **None**
  - B. Commissioners Comments **None****Action Items**
5. Consider and act on Ordinance 06082021A for Voluntary Annexation Petition for Jason Mayfield as described territory to the City of Bells and extending the boundary limits of city.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on Ordinance 06082021A for Voluntary Annexation Petition for Jason Mayfield as described territory to the City of Bells and extending the boundary limits of city. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**
6. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – The Council may convene into Executive Session to discuss the following: **Consultation with Attorney** under Tx GC 551.071 – on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this Chapter (OMA): including Development procedures, Drug testing  
**Allen Polk made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 6:01 pm, Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to reconvene into Regular Session at 7:03 pm, Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**

7. Consider and act upon items listed under Item #6 Executive Session, as necessary.  
**Jeff Cockrill made a motion to have the attorney initiate drug testing of employees. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0. Roger Goodwin made a motion to have the attorney move on the subdivision ordinance Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**
8. **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*
9. **Reports from Department Heads.**
  - a. Fire Department
  - b. Police Department
  - c. Public Works
  - a. **The BVFD Report was emailed today and left at each Council's seat.**
  - b. **Chief Culley presented the Police Dept. Report to the Council.**
  - c. **Nick Williamson presented the Public Works Report to the Council.**  
*Bill Richtermeyer asked about the city getting some detour signs and about the leak at 1892 and 82. Allen Polk asked when Vernon Street would open back up. Terry Crumby asked if they were caught up on work orders.*

**Action Items**

10. **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 May 11, 2021 and special workshop session on May 19, 2021

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve the monthly financial report. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0. Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve regular session minutes on May 11, 2021 and special workshop session on May 19, 2021. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**
11. Consider and act on the sale of the 2003 International 4000 (old Brush Truck 94).  
*Jeff Cockrill said that last month it was agreed that the truck remain in service until the hose was replaced. He said they didn't know the status of the hose being replaced. He said that some of the items on the old brush truck was given via grant and will have to make sure it can sold. Terry Crumby told him that he will make sure the hose was taken care of.*  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to leave the old Brush Truck 94 in service until the hose can be replaced. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
12. Consider and approve budget amendment to city's budget for BVFD.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve the amendment to the city's budget for BVFD. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 3-2 with Jeff Cockrill and Aaron Mallory voting against.**
13. Consider and act on usage of City of Bells tax identification number for Bells Volunteer Fire Department purchases.  
**Allen Polk made a motion for the Bells Volunteer Fire Department to obtain their own tax identification number. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 3-2 with Jeff Cockrill and Aaron Mallory voting against.**
14. Consider and approve plat application for Theresa Footlander at 308 E. Bells Blvd.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to approve plat application for Theresa Footlander at 308 E. Bells Blvd. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
15. Consider and act on amendment to Ordinance 99-0928-A:
  - a. Article 4 in reference to single family SF-2 and Two-Family zoning.
  - b. Article 18, (a) eliminating the two alternate positions and/or creating Place 6 and Place 7 on the Commission.
  - c. Article 10.05 (d) Non-Motorized Pathways – Construction Standards
  - d. adding (e-g) to Article 10.05.

**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to act on Ordinance 99-0928-A and change Article 4 reference to single family SF-2 and Two-Family zoning and Article 18 to eliminate the two alternate positions on the Planning and Zoning Commission and Article 10.05 (d) Non-Motorized Pathways – construction standard to be strengthened and adding (e-g) to Article 10.05. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**

16. Consider and accept resignation of Cindy Wilson as Place 5 on the Planning and Zoning Commission and nominate Curtis Payne as Place 5 replacement for remaining of this term.

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to accept the resignation of City Wilson as Place 5 on the Planning and Zoning Commission and nominate Curtis Payne as Place 5 replacement for remaining of this term. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**

17. Consider and act on nomination for Planning Zoning Commission expiring terms:

- a. Place 1 - Marty Dicken                      b. Place 3 – Amanda Smith  
c. Place 5 - Curtis Payne.

**Allen Polk made a motion to nominate Place 1 Marty Dicken, Place 3 Amanda Smith and Place 5 Curtis Payne to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

18. Consider and act on nominations for Bells Community Development Corporation expiring terms:

- a. Place 5 – Tommy Carter                      b. Place 6 - Karri Branam  
c. Place 7 – Mason McCallister

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to nominate Place 5 Tommy Carter, Place 6 Karri Branam and Place 7 Mason McCallister for the Bells Community Development Corporation. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

19. Consider and act on placing solar lights at Ballfield Complex with incentive monies from the ClearResults project we have completed at the ballfields.

**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to give the Mayor approval to purchase the best deal up to the ClearResults money. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

20. Consider and act on reconsideration of applying for park grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

*Mayor Crumby explained that the fence needed repaired on the eastside of the park, people were using the park as their personal parking. Allen Polk said he'd like to see some type of walkway from the ballfields to the parks that were safe at the railroad crossing.*

**Allen Polk made a motion to act on applying for park grant through the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

21. Consider and act on the removal and sale of the old safe in City Administrator's Office.

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on removing and selling the old safe in City Administrator's Office. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

22. Consider and act on workshop for:

- a) June 10, 2021, with City Planner and Engineer.  
b) City Council with BEDC and BCDC

**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to act on the date of June 16, 2021 for a workshop with the City Planner and Engineer and to plan a workshop for City Council with BEDC and BCDC. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

23. Consider and discuss the support for the creation of a Chamber of Commerce if there is an interest among local businesses and appointing a Council liaison for this project.

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to appoint Allen Polk as the Council liaison and support the creation of a Chamber of Commerce. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

24. Consider and act on bid for the rebuild of the Carter Lift Station on FM 1897.

**Allen Polk made a motion to act on the bid from Patterson for the rebuild of the Carter Lift Station on FM 1897. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

25. Consider and discuss planning of placing a sewer main down the west side of N. Pecan St from Denison to Sonic.

*Discussion by Mayor Crumby that this is something that will need to be addressed soon, and wanted the council to have a heads up regarding it.*

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to get bids on placing a sewer main down the west side of N. Pecan St. form Denison to Sonic. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

26. Consider and act on the clearing/clean-up of city lot just south of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. **Allen Polk made a motion to act on the clearing/clean-up of city lot just south of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**
27. Consider and act on bid for the rebuild of gate at the City Barn.  
*Jeff Cockrill asked if the city would ask the guy replacing the fence to see if he can use some of the pipe the city has laying down at the barn.*  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on the bid for the rebuild of gate at the City Barn. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
28. Consider and discuss water leak at the intersection of Hwy 82 and FM 1897.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to act and have water leak repaired. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
29. Consider and discuss the condition of Catalina and Stephens Dr.  
**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to act on getting recommendations on street repairs for Catalina and Stephens Dr. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 3-2 with Roger Goodwin abstaining and Jeff Cockrill voting against.**
30. Consider and act of updating city financial / utility billing software.  
*City Administrator and City Secretary explained to the council the trouble we are having with the current software. All manual backups, crashes consistently and support that will not respond promptly.*  
**Jeff Cockrill made a motion to update the city financial/utility billing software. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
31. Consider and approve 2021-2022 Benefits Rates for city employees through TML Health Benefits Pool with Pre-65 Retiree benefit coverage.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Benefits Rates for city employees through TML Health Benefits Pool with Pre-65 Retiree benefit coverage. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
32. Consider and act on bid for replacing several pieces of metal sheeting on outside of City Hall prior to painting.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to act on bid replacing several pieces of metal sheeting on outside of City Hall prior to painting. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
33. Consider and act on the hiring of a part-time Code Enforcement Officer.  
*Mayor Crumby explained the need to get the city cleaned up and needing a dedicated Code Enforcement Officer.*  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on hiring a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
34. Consider and appoint Municipal Judge for a two-year term contract.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to table until next meeting. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
35. Consider and appoint Municipal Court Prosecutor for a two-year term contract.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to appoint Jackie VanZant Municipal Court Prosecutor for a two-year contract. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
36. Consider and act on re-establishing the Steering Committee.  
*Mayor Crumby stated that the city had a Steering Committee before which consisted of him, when he was on council, the mayor at the time, city administrator and a citizen and at that time it was Bill Richtermeyer and he felt it was a success and was still needed.*  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to let the city know of any interested parties to be on the Steering Committee. Jeff Cockrill seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**
37. Consider and approve contract with GC Tax Assessor -Collector for the assessment and collection of the city's Ad Valorem Taxes.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve contract with GC Tax Assessor-Collector for the assessment and collection of the city's Ad Valorem Taxes. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0**

38. **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: **He appreciates everyone's time and working with everyone.**
  - b. Council's Report: **Terry Crumby and Allen Polk are working on getting the flags up at City Hall.**
39. Adjournment: **Roger Goodwin made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.**

ATTEST BY:

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Pam Winkler, City Secretary

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Terry Crumby, Mayor