



THE STATE OF TEXAS §

September 7, 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 Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on September 7, 2021.**

*Members Present:* Terry Crumby – Mayor Roger Goodwin – Mayor Pro-Tem  
Bill Richtermeyer - Councilman Allen Polk - 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 at 6:01 pm
2. Pledge to the United State Flag  
Moment of Silence
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 from Department Heads.**

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

- a. **The BVFD Report 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.**

**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 August 10, 2021, special workshop session on August 24, 2021 and budget workshop on August 31, 2021.

**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to approve the monthly financial report and approve the minutes on August 10, 2021, and August 24, 2021, and August 31, 2021. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**

6. Consider and act on Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation on Preliminary Plat Application from Vivid Partners LLC located at 505 W. McFarland St, being lots 1-10 and the west 10' of Lot 11, block 7 in the Bailey Junction Addition recorded in Vol. 42, Pg. 337 D.R.G.C.T..  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on Planning and Zoning Commission and deny the application due to requirements not met. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**
7. Consider and approve Fire Protection Agreement between Grayson County and City of Bells for 2021-2022 fiscal year.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve Fire Protection Agreement between Grayson County and City of Bells for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
8. Consider and approve Ordinance 09072021 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to approve Ordinance 09072021 Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**
9. Consider and approve Ordinance 09072021A ratifying the property tax revenue increase for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to approve Ordinance 09072021A ratifying the property tax revenue increase for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**
10. Consider and approve Ordinance 09072021B levying a tax rate for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bells for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.  
**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to approve Ordinance 09072021B levying a tax rate for the use and support of the municipal government of the City of Bells for the Fiscal Year October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
11. Consider and act on Bells Economic Development Corporation to approve funds for Grant Application:
  - a. Bells Family Drug and Budget Windows of Texoma for upgrade of sewer main to include street rehab in the 200 blk of N. Broadway Street.
  - b. Grant assistance on Retail Offices Parking lot for Bells Family Drug.**Allen Polk made a motion to approve funds for Grant Application from Bells Family Drug and Budget Windows of Texoma for upgrade of sewer main to include street rehab in the 200 blk of N. Broadway Street and to table item b. Retail Office Parking until more information. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**
12. Consider and act on 2021-2022 fiscal year contract agreement with Bells/Savoy CES, Inc. dba: Texas Vital Care EMS.  
*Billy D. Ray spoke on behalf of Texas Vital Care EMS.*  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to rescind his motion from the August 10, 2021, and to act on 2021-2022 fiscal year contract agreement with Bells/Savoy CED, Inc dba: Texas Vital Care EMS. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**
13. Consider and act on increase to Plat Application Filing Fees from \$100.00 to \$200.00, being an amendment to Ordinance 040318A Fee Schedule.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to increase Plat Application Filing Fees from \$100.00 to \$200.00, being an amendment to Ordinance 040318A Fee Schedule. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
14. Consider and act on the use of the front office at 107 E. Park Street as the office for the Bells Area Chamber of Commerce after City Hall relocates back to 203 S. Broadway St.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on the use of the front office at 107 E Park Street as the office for the Bells Area Chamber of Commerce after City Hall relocates back to 203 S. Broadway St. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**

15. Consider and act on City of Bells Rate Study Proposal done by a third party Nelisa Heddin Consulting.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on City of Bells Rate Study Proposal done by third party Nelisa Heddin Consulting not to exceed \$17,000.00. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
16. Consider and act on increase in water and sewer rates beginning with the September 2021 billing of customers meters, being an amendment to Ordinance 040318A Fee Schedule.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on increase in water and sewer rates beginning with the September 2021 billing of customer meters at an increase of \$7.50 for water and \$7.50 for sewer, being an amendment to Ordinance 040318A Fee Schedule. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
17. Consider and discuss the possibility of running an 8" inch water line down Turner Rd, as discussed several years ago.  
**Roger Goodwin made the motion to take no action. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
18. Consider and discuss the commitment of Councilmembers to use Evertel application when texting city personnel in reference to city business.  
*Chief Culley explained the app and the protection it would cover when discussing city business on your personal phone. City Administrator said the city is willing to pay for the expense if council were interested.*  
**Allen Polk made the motion to take no action. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
19. Consider and act on Casting Vote for Board of Trustees for the TML Region 13, TML Health Benefits Pool Official Ballot.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to act on casting a vote for Joni Clark for the Board of Trustees at the TML Region 13, TML Health Benefits Pool Official Ballot. Aaron Mallory seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
20. Consider and act on bids submitted for the trimming of trees at 315 S. Broadway St, Bells Texas.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on bid from Brad Shearer to trim trees to include cleaning up and hauling them off at 315 S. Broadway St Bells, Texas. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
21. Consider and act on bid to brush hog lot to the south of the sewer plant.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to bid from Brad Shearer to brush hog lot to the south of the sewer plant and then to mow it at the City's discretion for \$150.00 for each mowing. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
22. Consider and act on bid for the building of the base of the flagpole at North Entrance submitted by Kenneth Mullican in the amount of \$550.00.  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on bid for the building of the base of the flagpole at North Entrance submitted by Kenneth Mullican in the amount of \$550.00. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
23. Consider and act on bid for the trimming out of baseboards of City Hall and Snap Center for the completion of the new floors in the amount of \$1,840.00.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to act on bid for the trimming out of baseboards of City Hall and Snap Center for the completion of the new floors in the amount of \$1,840.00. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
24. Consider and act on bid from John Kinman for the building of a new gate at City Barn to secure city property on the southwest side of barn in the amount of \$1,400.00.  
**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to act on bid from John Kinman for the building of a new gate at City Barn to secure city property on the southwest side of barn in the amount of \$1,400.00. Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
25. Consider and act on replacing Missions Communication for the well/liftstations with Sensaphone.  
*Nick Williamson explained that Mission Communication has not been calling right and only works half the time. Sensaphone is ran through Patterson and they contact us as soon as they*

*are alerted. Roger Goodwin asked who was responsible for the equipment, Nick said he would find out, but he assumes it would be Patterson.*

**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on replacing Missions Communication for the well/liftstations with Sensaphone. Bill Richtermeyer seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**

26. Consider and act on ordering by the pallet Rock Asphalt product to fill potholes.  
**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to order 1 pallet of Rock Asphalt product to fill potholes. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
27. Consider and act on posting for bids for the sale of the 2003 International 4000 (old Brush 94).  
**Roger Goodwin made a motion to act on posting for bids for the sale of the 2003 International 4000 (old Brush 94). Allen Polk seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
28. Consider and act on BVFD request for approval of funds for:  
a. NAFCO – 2 NY Hook Hank Tool for \$95.46 each, totaling \$190.92.  
b. Casco – 8 Helmets for \$297.00 each, totaling \$2376.00  
11 Leather Fronts for \$48.00 each, totaling \$528.00 Invoice of \$2904.00  
*Discussion of needing an inventory of Helmets, Aaron Mallory stated that the usual life expectancy of these Helmets are 10 years. Council stated they'd like to see an inventory of all helmets and their expiration date.*  
**Aaron Mallory made a motion table all items until more information is obtained. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0**
29. Consider and act on Jim Cockrill's request for consideration of making last two truck payment on B-95 (Command Truck) from funds in 2020-2021 FD Budget.  
**Bill Richtermeyer made a motion to decline the request from Jim Cockrill of making last two truck payments on B-95 (Command Truck) from funds in the 2020-2021 FD Budget. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.**
30. Consider and act engine issues with E-91.  
*Allen Polk explained the issues from when he drove it. Aaron Mallory recommended that the cabs system be checked and offered the service of Denison Fire Captain to look at Engine 91. Allen Polk made the motion to take no action. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 4-0.*
31. Consider and act on recent purchase of fire hose for replacement of missing hose that was filed in an insurance claim.  
**Allen Polk made a motion to buy 1000 foot of hose for replacement of missing hose that was filed in an insurance claim. Roger Goodwin seconded the motion, motion carried 3-0 with Aaron Mallory abstaining.**
32. **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: **none.**  
b. Council's Report: **none.**
33. Adjournment: **8:35 pm.**

ATTEST BY:

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Pam Winkler, City Secretary

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Terry Crumby, Mayor