

Notice of a Regular Meeting

CITY OF BEVIL OAKS, TEXAS

February 17, 2022

1. **Call to Order @ 6:00**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation**
 - a. The United States Flag
 - b. The Texas state flag: "*Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible.*"
3. **Roll Call** – Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Vautrot absent – everyone else present
4. **Conflict of Interest Statement** - None
5. **Citizen Comments** – None
6. **Report**
 - a. **Justin Hidalgo** – presentation on re-implementing the City Marshal's Office
 - Introduces himself
 - Discusses that there are only 2 officers that patrol Bevil Oaks. States that the patrol officers that are in our area patrol a wide variety of the City's around Bevil Oaks.
 - Discusses the role that the Marshall would play in the City
 - States that the Marshall's office would not take place of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.
 - The Marshall could serve as a code enforcement officer
 - Discusses what calls are priority
 - Discusses the cost breakdown
 - Grant opportunities
 - Discusses the steps that would take place to hire a City Marshall
 - **Councilman Merendino**- Could we obtain a Grant to hire a Marshall
 - **Mayor Emmons**- making a traffic stop, if someone shoots you, who would be liable for that
 - **Mr. Hidalgo**- suggests asking a lawyer
 - **Mayor Emmons** – Would the cost that were in the presentation cover code enforcement and code enforcement training?
 - **Mr. Hidalgo** – Yes
 - **Mr. Hidalgo** – per other Marshall's offices that he spoke with about the extra cost to cover the Marshall through TML insurance rates was covered in the cost in the presentation
 - **Councilman Merendino** – Suggests that the Council look into the details of hiring a Marshall.
 - **Councilman Merendino** - Who would keep track of the tickets that were issued?

- **Mr. Hidalgo** – Explains that the tickets that would be issued all have a carbon copy, it would be kept at the City office.
- **Mayor Emmons** – Asks Mr. Hidalgo if he has ever written an interlocal agreement
- **Mr. Hidalgo** – Yes, several
- **Councilman Merendino** – Discusses how previous situations were with the previous Marshall
- **Mr. Hidalgo** – states that the protocol in certain situations would be to wait for back up from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
- **Resident Nancy Larousse** – If resident's have an issue, who would they call?
- **Mr. Hidalgo** – Resident's would still call 911 or the Sheriff's office.
- **Resident Nancy Larousse** – How many hours would be spent on traffic stops?
- **Resident Nancy Larousse** – How would the code enforcement issues be handled?
- **Mr. Hidalgo** – It depends on what the ordinance says
- **Resident Rita Williams** – Could we distribute the administrative fees on the perpetrator/violator's ticket?
- **Councilman Merendino** – If someone that was issued a ticket, what would they need to do to take defensive driving?
- **Mr. Hidalgo** – That decision would be made by the County Judge

7. Review/Approve Consent Items- *Approved* - M/M/2/C – Councilman Mullins/Councilman Merendino

- a. Financial Reports for City of Bevil Oaks
- b. Financial Reports for Water
- c. Report by Utility Specialties
- d. Previous Meeting Minutes

8. Review/Approve Action Items - *Approved* - M/M/2/C- Councilman Emmons/Councilman Mullins

- a. **Consideration/Discussion/Approval-** Ordinance for Entergy declining to approve the change in rates request

9. Discussion

- a. Discussion over projects that the City could do to improve infrastructure throughout the City.
- **Mayor Emmons** – Explains that we have a CDBG grant that is approaching fast. We must have a list of infrastructure ideas. We have discussed adding another lift station, adding in a larger water main to be able to house a fire hydrant, adding to the roads fund that we already have. Asks Council for ideas.

10. Reports

- a. **Councilwoman Vautrot** – Grounds and Maintenance – not present

- b. Councilman Merendino – Flood Prevention Project**
- **Councilman Merendino** -Currently the County and DD6 are working on cleaning ditches.
 - **Mayor Emmons**- States that Dr. Joe from DD6 will be at our Town Hall Meeting next week
- c. Councilman Emmons – Roads & Drainage**
- **Councilman Emmons** -The Road Grant is still on track. Currently, we are waiting on FEMA to make their decision on the Capped Improvement project. We should be hearing back from FEMA at the end of next month. After that, it should be going out for bid by June. It will take about a year to complete the project
- d. Councilman Smith – Emergency Management – not present**
- e. Councilman Mullins – Water & Sewer**
- All the pumps at the sewer plant are working properly
 - Currently, we have 2 old pumps and 1 new pump in place. We have 1 old pump and the new pump that are still in Houston being worked on.
- f. Councilwoman Mitchell – Water Rates Project**
- Currently we have been attending meetings for Grants, so she is working on research, but Grants take priority
- g. Mayor Emmons – Various Items**
- **City Hall/Civic Center** – the pre-bid meeting was today. The bids must be submitted by March 3. Once the bids are submitted, Blueline will go through the bids, tally them accordingly to FEMA. Once the bids have been submitted, Blueline will send the top 3 bids to the City. The Council will then decide which one they want to use for the project.
 - Councilwoman Mitchell has stepped up and attended a lot of the meetings pertaining to the Grants

Adjourn meeting at 7:35 pm



Mayor Emmons

Attest: 

City Secretary, Doug Mullins