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**NOTICE OF REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS  
MARCH 9, 2020  
7:00 PM  
CITY HALL  
13503 ALEXANDER ROAD  
BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS, 75181**

**AGENDA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING AT THE ABOVE NAMED DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR THE PURPOSE, CONSIDERATION AND ACTION ON ALL THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW.**

**Identification of a quorum.**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

- A. US Flag**
- B. Texas Flag - "Honor the Texas Flag - I pledge Allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."**

**Welcome and Items of Community Interest**

**Presentation(s):**

**Police Chief Haber to present the Life Saving Award to Officer M. Hightower.**

**Swearing in New Police Officer.**

**2019 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award to the Balch Springs Library/Learning Center from the North Texas Municipal Directors Association.**

**Public Comments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The agenda for each open meeting of the Council will include an item designated 'Public Comments.' The 'Public Comments' portion of the agenda is the public's opportunity to address the Council about a matter that is or is not on the Council's meeting agenda concerning city-related issues, except public hearings. Comments related to public hearings will be heard when the specific hearing begins. This portion of the agenda is **not intended to provide a forum for commercial, political or personal topics.**

Per the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Council is not permitted to take action on or discuss any item not listed on the agenda. Items suggested for action may be placed on a future agenda, at the Council's sole discretion. Each speaker's comments are limited to a total of three (3) minutes, unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to six (6) minutes, in accordance with applicable law.

To address the Council, speakers must complete a Speaker Form and provide it to the City Secretary prior to the start of the meeting. Each speaker shall approach the podium and state his/her name and street address before speaking. Speakers shall address the Council with civility that is conducive to appropriate public discussion. The public cannot speak from the gallery but only from the podium.

Under Sec. 22.01 of the Texas Penal Code, it is a felony of the third degree for a person to intentionally or knowingly threaten imminent bodily injury to a public servant who is lawfully discharging an official duty, or to do so in retaliation or on account of an exercise of official power or performance of an official duty as public servant; Further, the Mayor or the City Manager at any time have the authority to have any person who attempts to harass, gesture, use profanity, or act in a hostile manner to be requested to leave or escorted from the property by law enforcement. **(Tex. PC 42.05 Disrupting Meeting or Procession. (a) A person commits an offense if, with intent to prevent or disrupt a lawful meeting, procession, or gathering, he obstructs or interferes with the meeting, procession, or gathering by physical action or verbal utterance; (b) an offense under this section is a Class B Misdemeanor).**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

(All items on the Consent Agenda are routine and may be approved with one motion; however, should any member of the City Council wish to discuss any item, said item may be removed from the Consent Agenda by motion of the City Council).

### **A APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- 1. February 10, 2020 - Regular Meeting**
- 2. February 11, 2020 - Workshop Meeting**
- 3. February 24, 2020 - Regular Meeting**

### **REPORTS/UPDATES:**

(Topics are limited to: (i) expressions of thanks, congratulations, or condolence; (ii) information on holiday schedules; (iii) an honorary or salutary recognition of a City official, employee, or citizen; (iv) reminder of upcoming events organized or sponsored by the City; (v) information on a social, ceremonial, or community event organized or sponsored by an entity other than the City, attended or scheduled to be attended by a councilmember or employee; and, (vi) announcements involving an imminent threat to the public health and safety of the City and its citizens that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.)

- 1. Report(s) by Executive Staff regarding items of community interest.  
(NO ACTION OR DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE.)**

### **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:**

- 1. Consideration and action regarding appointment(s) to the Building and Standards Commission:  
  
A Meg Comstock**
- 2. Consideration and action for the Police Chief and Fire Chief to provide the City Council with departmental reports.**

3. Consideration and action regarding approval of funds for advertising in the City's newsletter for the 2020 Census and Mayoral Scholarships, not exceed \$1,000.00.
4. Consideration and action regarding approval to amend the Library budget for the Balch Springs Library's 2020 Comic Con expenses.
5. Discussion regarding filling of the position of Mayor in 2020.
6. Consideration and action regarding an amendment to an Ordinance establishing the classification of positions within the Fire Department.
7. Consideration and action regarding approval to enter into lease agreement with CLS Equipment to lease a street sweeper at cost of \$57,600.00 annually.
8. Requests for information, and/or new business to be placed on future agendas.  
(NO ACTION OR DISCUSSION WILL TAKE PLACE.)
9. Closing prayer.
10. Adjourn.

I, Cindy Gross, City Secretary of the City of Balch Springs do hereby certify that the above notice of the Regular Meeting of the Balch Springs City Council was posted on the City's website and at City Hall, 13503 Alexander Road, Balch Springs, Texas on 6th day of March, 2020 at 3:00PM.



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**City Secretary**

City Charter Section 3.12 - Passage of Ordinances in General - The City shall adopt a rule which shall provide that no action be taken on any ordinance which has not been made available to the Council and to the public at the office of the City Secretary, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

The City Council may convene into executive session on any matter related to any of the above agenda items for a purpose, such closed session allowed under Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

This agenda is posted as required under Section 551.041, Texas Government Code. For more information or a copy of the Open Meetings Act, please contact the Attorney General of Texas at 1-800-252-8011; the City Secretary at 972/286-4477x210 or visit the City of Balch Springs web site at [www.cityofbalchsprings.com](http://www.cityofbalchsprings.com)

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