



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS  
JANUARY 13, 2020  
7:00PM**

**Identification of a quorum**

Present: Councilmember Shelby  
Mayor Pro Tem Segroves  
Councilmember Rushing  
Councilmember Tucker  
Mayor Gorwood

Absent: Councilmember Moon  
Councilmember Hill (Arrived at 7:05pm)

**A quorum was present and Mayor Gorwood called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00PM.**

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager  
Mark Morris, Assistant to the City Manager  
Cindy Gross, City Secretary  
Jon Haber, Police Chief  
Chris Dyser, Planning and Zoning  
Monte Akers, City Attorney

**Invocation** – The invocation was given by Pastor Bryan Chance, Bible Way Tabernacle Church, Balch Springs.

**Pledge** – The pledges of allegiance to the US Flag and Texas Flag was led by Police Chief, Jonathan Haber.

**Welcome and Items of Community Interest:**

January 14<sup>th</sup> – City Council Workshop/Proposed LDG Project.

January 20<sup>th</sup> – City will be Closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

February 11<sup>th</sup> – Subdivision Workshop, 6:00pm at City Hall.

February 26<sup>th</sup> – EDC 2020 Business Summit, 10:30am-1:30pm, Civic Center (12400 Elam Rd.)

Neighborhood Pride Award Winners:

December 2019 – 14815 Canyon Ridge Dr.

January 2020 – 4201 Boxwood Dr.

### **Citizens Comments:**

Speaker: David Stone, 11710 Manon Dr., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to code enforcement.

Speaker: Wanda Adams, 2721 Cumberland Trail, Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to Texas Commissions Environment Quality Standards.

Speaker: Carol Miles, 4005 Cochise Rd., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to police patrol and signal lights

Speaker: Carrie Marshall, 12601 Natalie Dr., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to the rules and regulations of the Charter Review Commission.

Speaker: Chelsey Hunley, 3212 Balch Springs Rd., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to sidewalks and speed limits

Speaker: Jan Turner, 12804 Seagoville Rd., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to utility transfer fees.

Speaker: Charlene Rushing, 11704 Manon Dr., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to her 2020 Vision.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. **December 2, 2019 – Regular Meeting**
2. **December 9, 2019 – Regular Meeting**

#### **B. Approval of a resolution to apply for Amy Young Removal 2020 Regional Grant funds through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.**

Councilmember Hill made the motion to the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill.

**Motion passed. (5-0)**

(Absent and not voting: Councilmember Moon)

### **REPORTS/UPDATES:**

#### **1. Report by the Executive Staff regarding any significant event that has occurred since the last regular Council Meeting.**

Chris Dyser, Planning and Zoning, Updated the City Council in regards to the Safe Routes to

School Application for sidewalk connectivity, to selected schools.

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:**

**1. Consideration and action regarding approval of the proposed Charter Amendments for the May, 2020 Election.**

Angela Singletary gave a power point presentation in regards to the proposed amendments that the Charter Review Commission has recommended within the Charter.

- Section 3.01(b) Number, Selection and Term - the term limit of six consecutive years, or three consecutive terms shall not be applied to prevent a council member who has changed places from a single member district to an at-large district from completing a two-year term. If this amendment passes then it would take affect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 and by adding a sentence at the end clarifying that a council member who terms out must wait one full calendar year before being elected to council again.
- Section 3.02 – Qualifications -if a council member moves from one district to another having six months or less remaining in office, the council may, by majority vote, allow the member to remain in office representing the district from which he or she moved from till the end of term.
- Section 3.05(1) – Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem - to provide that the Mayor shall have the right to vote on all matters rather than only in the event of a tie.
- Section 3.05(2) - Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem - provides that a council member elected At-Large at Place Two shall be the Mayor Pro Tem.
- Section 3.08 – Prohibitions - to clarify that council members may communicate with city employees who report to the City Manager for purposes of a “query” (instead of “inquiry”) or an investigation under Section 3.14.

Councilmember Hill made the motion to postpone the item until the next City Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Segroves seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (5-0)**

(Absent and not voting: Councilmember Moon)

**2. Consideration and action to amend City’s code enforcement ordinances related to issuance of warning letters.**

Councilmember Rushing made the motion to amend City’s code enforcement ordinances related to issuance of warning letters. Councilmember Tucker seconds the motion. Voting for this motion

were Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (5-0)**

(Absent and not voting: Councilmember Moon)

**3. Consideration and action to award a bid to A Rainee Construction company for home remodeling and accessibility modifications.**

Councilmember Rushing made the motion to award a bid to A Rainee Construction company for home remodeling and accessibility modifications. Councilmember Tucker seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill.

**Motion passed. (5-0)**

(Absent and not voting: Councilmember Moon)

**4. Consideration and action regarding approval of the 2019 Balch Springs Fourth of July Celebration.**

Postponed until the January 27<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

**5. Consideration and action regarding approval of the 2019 City of Balch Springs Irwin Park Master Plan and Recreation Center Study.**

Postponed until the February 10<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting.

**6. Announcements, requests for information, and/or new business to be placed on future agendas.**

No Announcements.

**7. Closing prayer – Mayor Gorwood**

**8. Adjourn – Mayor Gorwood adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:52pm.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 27, 2020.**