

THE CITY OF  
**BALCH SPRINGS**  
GROWING COMMUNITY

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS  
FEBRUARY 11, 2019  
7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Identification of a quorum.**

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

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

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager  
Mark Morris, Assistant to City Manager  
Cindy Gross, City Secretary  
Jon Haber, Police Chief  
Randy Smith, Fire Chief  
Bianca Sauls, Chief Financial Officer  
Lupe Baladez, Building Inspector  
William Freeman, Public Works Director  
Chris Dyser, Planning  
Ashley White, Messer, Rockefeller & Fort Law Firm

Invocation was given by Pastor Bryan Chance, Bible Way Tabernacle Church.

Pledge to the US Flag and the Texas Flag was led by Ashley White, City Attorney.

Items of Community Interest - City Secretary:

February 12th - Home Buyer Fitness Workshop at 5:45pm at City Hall.  
February 16th - Coffee with a Cop at 3535 Glenshire Dr. (McDonalds) at 8:00am.  
February 18th - City Council Budget Workshop Meeting at 6:00pm at City Hall.  
February 27<sup>th</sup> – Economic Development Business Summit: 10:30 am-1:00 pm at the Civic Center (12400 Elam Rd.)  
April 6<sup>th</sup> – Keep Balch Springs Beautiful Trash Round-Up & Boyd Rogers Park Revitalization Project: 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Recreation Center (4372 Shepherd Ln.)

The City's General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019, for the purpose of electing the following positions: Mayor (At-Large), Place 3, Place 5 and Place 7. The first day to file application for place on the ballot begins January 16, 2019 and the last day is February 15, 2019, by 5:00PM.

Santosha Pratt, Neighborhood Services, announced that Donna Belknap is the Neighborhood Pride Award for January 2019, for her housing beautification efforts and helping to enhance the City.

**Citizen Comments.**

Speaker: Jason Singletary, 3216 Balch Springs Rd., #203, Balch Springs, TX. 75180  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to agenda item #1- Line of Credit.

Speaker: Marie Tedei, 4708 Pioneer Rd., Balch Springs, TX. 75180  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to transparency with agenda items and the attached information and agenda item #1-Line of Credit.

Speaker: Carrie Marshall, 12601 Natalie Dr., Balch Springs, TX 75180  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to Y99 FM radio station, Black History Celebration on February 23rd and City Wide Prayer Meeting on February 20th.

Speaker: Rebecca Kinsey, 14825 Magnolia Ln., Balch Springs, TX 75180  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to additional patrolling in her area.

Speaker: Regina Burgraff, 1834 N. Masters, Dallas, Tx. 75217  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to new vape store.

Speaker: Lechia Maiden, 621 Tealwood, Mesquite Tx. 75217  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to new vape store.

Speaker: Angela Singletary, 3216 Balch Springs Rd., #203, Balch Springs, TX. 75180  
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to agenda item #1-Line of credit.

Mayor Gorwood closed citizen's comments.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. January 14, 2019 - Regular Meeting**

**B. Approval of an ordinance ordering and providing notice of a General Election for the City of Balch Springs to be held on the 4th day of May, 2019, providing for the election of the Mayor and three City Council Members Place 3, 5 and 7; providing for Early Voting by Personal Appearance; providing for a contract for election services with Dallas County. (Ordinance 3182-19)**

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

**REPORTS/UPDATES:**

1. **Update on Stats Comparison for 2017-2018.**

Jon Haber, Police Chief, gave an update regarding the Balch Springs Police Department statistics comparisons for 2017-2018.

2. **Report by the Executive Staff regarding any significant event that has occurred since the last regular Council meeting.**

No reports at this time.

**INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:**

3. **Consider and possibly take action to interpret or amend the City's zoning ordinance as it relates to tobacco and vape businesses.**

City Councilmembers, City Attorney and staff discussed the interpretation of the city's zoning ordinances, regulations, requirements and the cost for a special use permit as it relates to tobacco and vape businesses.

Councilmember Moon moved to add definition of what vaping is in the zoning ordinance. Councilmember Rushing seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

1. **Consideration and action regarding approval expenditure of \$455,000.00 from Prosperity Bank line of credit contingent on the final credit being finalized by the bank for the purchase of the following:**

Bianca Sauls, Chief Finance Officer, explained that the City Council, back in November 2018, approved a \$2 Million dollar line of credit to purchase vehicles and equipment that has been needed over the years. Ms. Sauls expanded the amortization schedule for future payments if approved.

Chief Haber is requesting approval to purchase four (4) 2020 Police Interceptors SUV from Sam Pack Ford and upfitted by Stoltz Telecom at a cost not exceed approximately \$230,000.00.

City Council and city staff held a discussion regarding how and when the line of credit was to be used, and what the intent was regarding the line of credit.

**A. Approval to purchase four (4) 2020 Police Interceptors SUV from Sam Pack Ford and upfitted by Stoltz Telecom at a cost not exceed approximately \$230,000.00.**

Councilmember Rushing moved to approve items 1A, B and C with the line of credit. Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Rushing and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Gordon. **Motion failed. (3-4)**

Councilmember Rushing moved to approve the purchase four (4) 2020 Police Interceptors SUV from Sam Pack Ford and upfitted by Stoltz Telecom at a cost not exceed approximately \$230,000.00 with the line of credit. Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

**B. Approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Kia Forte Sedan from Truck World at a cost not exceed \$20,000.00.**

No action taken.

**C. Approval to purchase one (1) 2019 Chevrolet Double Cab Pickup from Gilcrest Automotive at a cost not exceed \$40,000 for the Public Works Department.**

No action taken.

2. **Consideration and action regarding approval of a three (3) year contract with Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc. for the fireworks show at the annual Fourth of July festival.**

Linda Highwood, Economic Development Coordinator, is requesting approval of a three (3) year contract with Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc., for the fireworks show at the annual Fourth of July festival at a cost of \$10,000 per year.

Councilmember Moon moved to approve a (3) year contract with Pyro Shows of Texas, Inc. for the fireworks show at the annual Fourth of July festival. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

4. **Consideration and action regarding approval to amend Section 30-101 to provide that the Fire Chief may appoint a member of the Fire Department to serve as the Fire Marshal.**

Postponed until the next meeting February 25, 2019.

Mayor Gorwood stated that the City Council would be discussing the evaluations for City Secretary and Police Chief tonight.

#### **NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

5. **Council to hold Executive Session under Section 551.074 (Personnel) of the Texas Government Code, the City Council reserves the right to adjourn into executive session to discuss the following:**

Council convened into closed session at 8:46PM.

**A. Discussion regarding evaluations for the City Manager, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and City Secretary.**

**6. Take action, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session.**

City Council reconvened into open session at 9:37pm.

Councilmember Moon moved to approve a \$20,000 raise for the City Secretary. Councilmember Rushing seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

Councilmember Moon moved that the raise for the City Secretary be retroactive to begin on October 1, 2018. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Rushing. **Motion passed. (5-1)**

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved that the City Council to reconsider agenda item #1B- Approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Kia Forte Sedan from Truck World at a cost not exceed \$20,000.00. Councilmember Moon seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

City Councilmember's held a discussion regarding the inspection vehicle for the rental inspection program.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to postponed agenda item 1B - Approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Kia Forte Sedan from Truck World at a cost not exceed \$20,000.00, until next meeting. Councilmember Moon seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

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

- Councilmember Moon - report on the rental inspection program.

**8. Closing prayer.**

Councilmember Moon gave the closing prayer.

**9. Adjourn.**

Mayor Gorwood adjourned the council meeting at 9:48pm.

**PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 25,  
2019.**