

THE CITY OF
BALCH SPRINGS
GROWING COMMUNITY

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS
FEBRUARY 25, 2019
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Identification of a quorum.

Present: Councilmember Moon
Councilmember Shelby
Councilmember Segroves
Councilmember Rushing
Councilmember Tucker
Mayor Gorwood

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Hill (Arrived at 7:04pm)

A quorum was present and Mayor Gorwood called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager
Mark Morris, Assistant to City Manager
Cindy Gross, City Secretary
Jon Haber, Police Chief
Randy Smith, Fire Chief
Lupe Baladez, Building Inspector
William Freeman, Public Works Director
Chris Dyser, Planning
Monte Akers, City Attorney

Invocation was given by Susan Cluse, City Manager.

Pledge to the US Flag and the Texas Flag was led by Monte Akers, City Attorney.

Items of Community Interest - City Secretary:

February 27th – Economic Development Business Summit: 10:30 am-1:00 pm at the Civic Center (12400 Elam Rd.)

February 28th - 2019 Mayor's State of the City Address; at 6:30pm, at the Civic Center (12400 Elam Rd.)

March 18th - Subdivision Ordinance Re-Write City Council Workshop: 6:00 pm at City Hall.

April 6th – 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.)

Announcement the 2019 Mayors Scholarship Award to begin on March 1 - April 30, 2019.

The City's General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, 2019; Early Voting by Personal Appearance will begin on April 22 - April 30, 2019, at the Balch Springs Civic Center, 12400

Elam Road, for the purpose of electing the following positions: Mayor (At-Large), Place 3, Place 5 and Place 7.

Presentation(s):

Swearing In new Police Officer by Chief Haber.

Police Chief Haber administrated the Oath of Office to the following Officers: Dustin Hevener and Jaquan Graham.

Citizen Comments.

Speaker: Jason Singletary, 3216 Balch Springs Rd., #203, Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to flood and drainage budget.

Speaker: Marie Tedei, 4708 Pioneer Rd., Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to communication.

Speaker: Angela Singletary, 3216 Balch Springs Rd., #203, Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to legislative bills.

Mayor Gorwood closed citizen's comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. January 14, 2019 - Regular Meeting**
- 2. February 11, 2019 - Regular Meeting**

Councilmember Moon 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 Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) proposal by the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding regulation of laundry, self-service facilities.**

Chris Dyser, Planning Department, gave an update on Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) proposal by the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding regulation of laundry, self-service facilities. Mr. Dyser explained that the Planning and Zoning Commission is proposing to add a stipulation, that all laundry, self-service facilities will not be located within 5,000 ft. of one another, measured from property line to property line.

- 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:

- 1. Consideration and action regarding approval to purchase one (1) 2017 Kia Forte Sedan from Truck World at a cost not exceed \$20,000.00, for the Inspection Department.**

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve the purchase of a vehicle for the Inspection Department at a cost not exceeds \$20,000.00. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to amend her motion that the funds would come from the Inspection Department budget. Councilmember Shelby accepts the amendment. City Council and staff held a discussion regarding purchasing a vehicle for the inspection department. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Tucker. **Motion passed. (4-2)**

- 2. 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.**

City Council and staff held a discussion regarding the proposed amendment Section 30-101 to provide that the Fire Chief may appoint a member of the Fire Department to serve as the Fire Marshal.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve the amendment to Section 30-101 to provide that the Fire Chief may appoint a member of the Fire Department to serve as the Fire Marshal. 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)**

- 3. Consideration and action regarding approval of Motor Vehicle Accident Cost Recovery Program.**

City Council and city staff held a discussion regarding how the Motor Vehicle Accident Cost Recovery Program works, and if there would be any benefits to the city. After discussion Councilmember Moon requested that this item be removed from the agenda.

- 4. Consideration and action regarding approval of a traffic study at Mackey Elementary School making Spring Ridge a one way during certain hours.**

Chief Haber explained to the City Council that the police department is conducting a traffic studies for all of the school zones within the City. Chief Haber stated that the police department will be bringing back recommendations at a later date, possibly June, in order to implement new program at the beginning of the school year, versus end of the school year.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve a traffic study for Mackey Elementary School making Spring Ridge a one way during certain hours. Councilmember Tucker 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)**

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 8:15PM.

- A. Discussion regarding evaluations for the City Manager and Fire Chief.**

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

City Council reconvened into open session at 9:45pm.

No action taken on matters discussed in executive session.

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

- Councilmember Rushing - Broadcast the City Council Meetings live.
- Councilmember Segroves - staff quarterly reports.

- 8. Closing prayer.**

Councilmember Moon gave the closing prayer.

- 9. Adjourn.**

Mayor Gorwood adjourned the council meeting at 9:47pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2019.