



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS  
MARCH 9, 2020  
7:00PM**

**Identification of a quorum**

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

**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  
Randy Smith, Fire Chief  
Jon Haber, Police Chief  
William Freeman, Public Works  
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 Monte Akers, City Attorney.

**Welcome and Items of Community Interest:**

2020 Mayor's Scholarship Award: Applications are now available and will be accepting submissions on the city website ([www.cityofbalchsprings.com](http://www.cityofbalchsprings.com)). Deadline will be March 1, 2020-April 30, 2020.

May 2, 2020 General Election Early Voting Time & Dates: Early Voting will be held at the Civic Center, Meeting Room, (12400 Elam Rd.).

- April 20<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm
- April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm

- April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-6pm
- April 27<sup>th</sup> - April 28<sup>th</sup> from 7am-7pm

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Active Shooter Training, 10am-1pm at the Balch Springs Library-Learning Center (12450 Elam Rd.)

June 13<sup>th</sup> – 2020 Housing Improvement Expo, 9am-2pm at the Balch Springs Library-Learning Center (12450 Elam Rd.)

**Presentation(s):**

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

Jonathan Haber, Police Chief, presented the Life Saving Award to Officer M. Hightower for her dedication to the preservation of life, on January 13, 2020.

**Swearing in New Police Officer.**

Jonathan Haber, Police Chief, administered the Oath of Office to the new Police Officer, Nicholas Squires.

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

Shelley Holley, Frisco Library Director, presented the Balch Springs Library/Learning Center the 2019 Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award.

**Citizens Comments:**

Speaker: Carrie Marshall, 12601 Natalie Dr., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to agenda item #5 - the rules and regulations of the Charter, the Charter Review Commission and proposed Charter Amendments.

Speaker: Marie Tedei, 4708 Pioneer Rd., Balch Springs  
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to the LDG Development.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

Councilmember Shelby made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby,

Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Hill and Councilmember Tucker.

**Motion passed. (6-0)**

### **REPORTS/UPDATES:**

**1. Report(s) by the Executive Staff regarding items of community interest.**

Randy Smith, Fire Chief, stated that the fire department Insurance Service Office (ISO) Rating will be coming up in the near future.

### **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:**

**1. Consideration and action regarding appointment(s) to the Building and Standards Commission:**

**A. Meg Comstock**

Councilmember Rushing moved to postpone this agenda item until the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Hill. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Moon and Councilmember Tucker. **Motion passed. (4-2)**

**2. Consideration and action for the Police Chief and Fire Chief to provide the City Council with departmental reports.**

Councilmember Hill moved that the Police Chief and Fire Chief provide the City Council with monthly departmental reports. Councilmember Moon seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

**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.**

- Marie Tedei – 4708 Pioneer Rd, Balch Springs – spoke in regards to the advisement and funding of in the City's newsletters.

Councilmember Rushing moved to approve funds for advertising in the City's newsletter for the 2020 Census and Mayoral Scholarships, not exceed \$1,000.00, from the Council Contingency Fund. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

**4. Consideration and action regarding approval to amend the Library budget for the Balch Springs Library's 2020 Comic Con expenses.**

Councilmember Hill moved to postpone this agenda until the next City Council meeting. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

**5. Discussion regarding filling of the position of Mayor in 2020**

City Attorney held a discussion regarding the term limits of the Office of Mayor, Section 3.06(4) of the City Charter.

- Marie Tedei – 4708 Pioneer Rd, Balch Springs – the City Attorney has given his legal opinion regarding this matter previously.
- Carrie Marshall – 12601 Natalie Dr., Balch Springs – concerns that the City Charter was silent.

**6. Consideration and action regarding an amendment to an Ordinance establishing the classification of positions within the Fire Department.**

Councilmember Moon moved to postpone the agenda item until the next City Council Meeting. Councilmember Tucker seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Rushing. **Motion passed. (5-1)**

**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.**

Councilmember Rushing moved to enter into lease agreement with CLS Equipment to lease a street sweeper at cost of \$57,600.00 annually. Councilmember Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Hill. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Tucker. **Motion passed. (5-1)**

**8. Requests for information, and/or new business to be placed on future agendas.**

- Councilmember Tucker – Workshop with Flood and Drainage
- Councilmember Rushing – Storm Water fee process.
- Fire Chief Smith – Agenda Item 6 on April 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**9. Closing prayer – Pastor Bryan Chance gave the closing prayer.**

**10. Adjourn - Mayor Gorwood adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:23pm.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2020.**