

THE CITY OF
BALCH SPRINGS

GROWING COMMUNITY

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

MINUTES

Identification of a quorum.

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

Absent: Councilmember Moon
Mayor Pro Tem Hill (Arrived at 7:03pm)

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

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager
Cindy Gross, City Secretary
Jon Haber, Police Chief
Randy Smith, Fire Chief
Lupe Baladez, Building Inspector
Chris Dyser, Planning

Invocation was given by Susan Cluse, City Manager.

Pledge to the US Flag and the Texas Flag was led by Randy Smith, Fire Chief.

Items of Community Interest - City Secretary:

March 12th – Charter Review Commission Meeting: 6:00pm at the Civic Center (12400 Elam Rd.).

March 18th - Subdivision Ordinance Re-Write City Council Workshop: 6:00 pm at City Hall (13503 Alexander Rd.).

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.)

April 13th – Balch Springs Weekend Blast: 9:00am – 4:00pm at the Civic Center.

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.

Citizen Comments.

Speaker: Wanda Adams, 2721 Cumberland Trail, Balch Springs, TX. 75181
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to Councilmember's not being present at city functions and Agenda Item #1- City's Rental Property Inspection Program to include multifamily housing.

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 Agenda Item #1- City's Rental Property Inspection Program to include multifamily housing.

Speaker: Angela Singletary, 3216 Balch Springs Rd., #203, Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to Agenda Item #1-City's Rental Property Inspection Program to include multifamily housing.

Speaker: Johnny Adams, 2721 Cumberland Trail, Balch Springs, TX. 75181
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to Agenda Item #1-City's Rental Property Inspection Program to include multifamily housing.

Mayor Gorwood closed citizen's comments.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- 1. February 18, 2019 - Workshop Meeting**
- 2. February 25, 2019 - Regular Meeting**

B. APPROVAL OF RE-APPOINTMENT(S):

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Alversia Vinson, Marie Williams and Deepaben Patel.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve the consent agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (5-0)**

(Absent and not voting were: Councilmember Moon)

REPORTS/UPDATES:

1. Update regarding the North Texas Food Bank.

Susan Cluse, City Manager, gave a brief overview of the current status regarding the Opal Smith Food Pantry. She explained that some of the volunteers were dissatisfied and how the pantry was being run by Sharing Life. Ms. Cluse also shared with City Council that she

and the Mayor spoke with North Texas Food Bank about the implementation of a building within the City. Ms. Cluse explained that the North Texas Food Bank will not be constructing any brick and mortar buildings in the future, but will be doing a food truck to assist the needs within the areas.

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 amend the City's Rental Property Inspection Program to include multifamily housing, adding new definitions, multifamily property requirements, procedures for registration and inspection of multifamily rental dwelling units, fees applicable thereto re-inspections, compliance, and enforcement.

Santosha Pratt, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, and Guadalupe Baladez, Chief Building Official, spoke to City Council in regards to the Rental Property Inspection Program. Guadalupe stated that they would be adding this to the current ordinance to give them the ability to legally inspect the dwelling units.

Ms. Pratt presented a presentation, to the City Council, on the goals and benefits of incorporating the program, which is to prevent slum, blight, deterioration, and to improve quality of life. The program will hold the landlords accountable for the condition of the complexes.

City Council asked questions and went into further discussion about the program.

Mayor Pro Tem Hill moved to approve the amendment of the City's Rental Property Inspection Program to include multifamily housing, adding new definitions, multifamily property requirements, procedures for registration and inspection of multifamily rental dwelling units, fees applicable thereto re-inspections, compliance, and enforcement. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion was Councilmember Shelby and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Tucker. **Motion Failed (3-2)**

(Absent and not voting were: Councilmember Moon)

Councilmember Rushing made the motion to continue working on the ordinance and more clarification on the terms of the ordinance, and bring the ordinance back for a Council vote. Mayor Pro Tem Hill seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Mayor Pro Tem Hill. **Motion passed. (5-0)**

(Absent and not voting were: Councilmember Moon)

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

Councilmember Hill – propose a 5-year replacement plan for city's vehicles.

Councilmember Tucker - update on bids regarding streets.

3. Closing prayer.

Gwendolyn Gardner gave the closing Prayer.

4. Adjourn.

Mayor Gorwood adjourned the council meeting at 8:32pm.

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