



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS
MARCH 23, 2020
7:00PM**

Identification of a quorum

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

Absent: Councilmember Hill (Arrived at: 7:07PM)

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

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager
Cindy Gross, City Secretary
Randy Smith, Fire Chief
Jon Haber, Police Chief
William Freeman, Public Works
Brad Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator
Charles Anderson, City Attorney

Invocation – The invocation was given by Sammy Moon, City Councilmember.

Pledge – The pledges of allegiance to the US Flag and Texas Flag was led by Susan Cluse, City Manager.

Citizens Comments:

Speaker: Angela Singletary, 3208 Balch Springs Road, #113, Balch Springs
Comment: Spoke to City Council in regards to supporting the postponement of the May Election and budget year 2020.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

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

None at this time.

2. Briefing on the Cities Response to the COVID-19 virus.

Brad Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the Emergency Management Department and Police Department are following all government, state, and local government recommendations in response to the COVID-19 virus. Mr. Harris explained that emergency management team is actively participating in conference calls with state and local governments on a daily base, and implemented the separation of first responders; all access to city facilities have been closed, except for the lobby at the police department at this time. The city is following all the guidelines for FEMA reimbursement, the city is applied for assistance with Dallas County and the state for supplies that are needed.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

1. Consideration and action to continue the Declaration of Local Disaster for the City relative to the COVID-19 virus.

Councilmember Rushing moved to continue the Declaration of Local Disaster for the City. Councilmember Hill seconds the motion. Councilmember Rushing moved to amend the motion to continue the Declaration of Local Disaster for the City of Balch Springs until April 27, 2020. Councilmember Hill accepts the amendment. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (6-0)**

2. Consideration and action regarding approval of an ordinance amending Ordinance 3210-20, by postponing, ordering and providing notice of a General Election for the City of Balch Springs to be held on the 3rd day of November 2020, providing for the election of three City Council Members, Places 2, 4 and 6.

Councilmember Moon moved to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance 3210-20, by postponing, ordering and providing notice of a General Election for the City of Balch Springs to be held on the 3rd day of November 2020, providing for the election of three City Council Members, Places 2, 4 and 6 (Ord. 3212-20). Mayor Pro Tem Segroves 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)**

3. Consideration and action regarding approval of a resolution approving the transfer of Housing Choice Vouchers from the Balch Springs Housing Authority to the Mesquite Housing Authority.

Councilmember Rushing moved to approve a resolution approving the transfer of Housing Choice Vouchers from the Balch Springs Housing Authority to the Mesquite Housing Authority (Res. 853-20). Councilmember Hill 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 to award a bid for JEC Energy Solutions to install (23) solar lights at Woodland Park for a cost not to exceed \$70,000, from the Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond.**

Councilmember Hill moved to award a bid to JEC Energy Solutions to install (23) solar lights at Woodland Park for a cost not to exceed \$70,000, from the Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond. 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. Consideration and action to award a bid contract to L. J. Design & Construction, LLC regarding construction of new park pavilion equipment for Oakridge Park and Woodland Park, not to exceed \$200,000.00, from the Balch Springs Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond.**

Councilmember Rushing moved to award a bid to contract to L. J. Design & Construction, LLC regarding construction of new park pavilion equipment for Oakridge Park and Woodland Park, not to exceed \$200,000.00, from the Balch Springs Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Councilmember Tucker moved to postpone agenda items 5 & 6 for a month. Mayor Pro Tem Segroves seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Mayor Pro Tem Segroves and Councilmember Tucker. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Hill. **Motion failed. (2-4)** Voting for the main 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)**

- 6. Consideration and action to award a bid contract to Triple C Fence Company regarding construction of new park fencing for Guy Berry Park, not to exceed \$150,920.00, from the Balch Springs Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond.**

Councilmember Hill moved to award a bid contract to Triple C Fence Company regarding construction of new park fencing for Guy Berry Park, not to exceed \$150,920.00, from the Balch Springs Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond. Councilmember Shelby 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)**

- 7. Consideration and action to issue a Request for Proposals for solid waste.**

Councilmember Hill moved to issue a Request for Proposals for solid waste. Councilmember Tucker 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)**

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

None at this time.

9. Closing prayer – Mayor Gorwood gave the closing prayer.

10. Adjourn - Mayor Gorwood adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:12pm.

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