



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS
APRIL 13, 2020
7:00PM**

The City Council of the City of Balch Springs, Texas conducted a meeting via teleconference on Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Call meeting to order.

Mayor Gorwood (in-person) called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Identification of a quorum

Councilmember Moon (via telephone conference)
Councilmember Shelby (via telephone conference)
Mayor Pro Tem Segroves (via telephone conference)
Councilmember Rushing (via telephone conference)
Councilmember Tucker (via telephone conference)
Councilmember Hill (via telephone conference)
Mayor Gorwood (in-person)

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager (via telephone conference)
Mark Morris, Assistant to the City Manager (via telephone conference)
Cindy Gross, City Secretary (in-person)
Randy Smith, Fire Chief (via telephone conference)
Brad Harris, Emergency Coordinator (via telephone conference)
Monte Akers, City Attorney (via telephone conference)

Invocation – The invocation was given by Susan Cluse, City Manager.

Pledge – The pledges of allegiance to the US Flag and Texas Flag was led by Randy Smith, Fire Chief.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
- 1. March 9, 2020- Regular Meeting**
 - 2. March 23, 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.

Brad Harris, Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the City Council on the COVID-19 in regards to the status, number of cases and how the city is notified of COVID-19 cases within the city.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

1. Consideration and action regarding approval of a resolution extending the Declaration of Public Health Disaster until such time as neither the State nor the County are under a public health disaster declaration.

Councilmember Rushing moved to extend the City Declaration of Public Health Disaster to match the State of Texas and Dallas County (Res. 854-20). 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)**

2. Consideration and action regarding approval of a resolution responding to the application of the Atmos Energy Corporation-Midtex Division, to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program; suspending the effective date of the rate application for forty-five days; authorizing the City to continue to participate in a coalition of cities known as the 'Atmos Texas Municipalities'..

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve a resolution responding to the application of the Atmos Energy Corporation-Midtex Division, to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program; suspending the effective date of the rate application for forty-five days; authorizing the City to continue to participate in a coalition of cities known as the 'Atmos Texas Municipalities' (Res. 855-20). 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)**

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

Councilmember Rushing – Discuss the process to fill the Mayor Gorwood seat due to term limits.

4. Closing prayer – Councilmember Moon gave the closing prayer.

5. Adjourn - Mayor Gorwood adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:28pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 27, 2020.