



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
VIA TELECONFERENCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS
MAY 26, 2020
7:00PM**

The City Council of the City of Balch Springs, Texas conducted a meeting via teleconference on Tuesday May 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Statement from Mayor Steven Gorwood – move to the reports/updates.

Call meeting to order.

Mayor Gordon (in-person) called the meeting to order at 7:00 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)
Mayor Gordon (in-person)

Absent: Councilmember Hill (Arrived at 7:03pm, via telephone conference)

Staff:

Susan Cluse, City Manager (via telephone conference)
Cindy Gross, City Secretary (in-person)
Brad Harris, Emergency Coordinator (via telephone conference)
Charles Anderson, City Attorney (via telephone conference)

Invocation – The invocation was given by City Councilmember Moon.

Pledge – The pledge of allegiance to the US Flag and Texas Flag was led by City Councilmember Moon.

Public Comment.

During this portion of the meeting, the Mayor or his designee will read the name and address of each person from which a public comment was timely received.

There was no public comment received.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 1. May 11, 2020 - Regular Meeting

Councilmember Rushing made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Tucker 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:

Statement from Mayor Steven Gorwood – Former Mayor Gorwood stated that it has been a wonderful experience as Mayor and hope that he has done some good. Please join me in supporting Carrie Gordon as the spoke new Mayor for the City. Mayor Gordon thanked the former Mayor Gorwood and City Councilmember's for the pleasure of serving this great community once again.

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 number of cases currently (85), and funding through the CARES ACT with Dallas County. Mr. Harris stated that the city staff will meet on June 2nd to discuss reopening the city facilities.

INDIVIDUAL ITEMS:

1. Consideration and action regarding approval of an ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020.

Councilmember Hill moved to approve an ordinance amending the Budget for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2020 (Ord. 3213-20). Councilmember Moon seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (5-0)**

Councilmember Shelby not present via teleconference when the vote was taken.

2. Consideration and action to conduct a payroll audit on all City Departments.

Councilmember Moon moved to approve conduction of a payroll audit on all City Departments. 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)**

3. Consideration and action regarding approval of the street reconstruction of Platte Drive between Horseshoe and Spring Oaks, to be allocated from Street Maintenance Tax fund.

Councilmember Moon moved to approve the street reconstruction of Platte Drive between Horseshoe and Spring Oaks, to be allocated from Street Maintenance Tax fund. Councilmember Tucker seconds the motion. Councilmember Hill moved to postpone this agenda item until the June 8th Regular City Council Meeting in order for City Council to see the packaged deal. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Tucker and Councilmember Hill. Voting in opposition were Councilmember Moon. **Motion passed. (5-1)**

4. Consideration and action to amend Ordinance 3136-16, abolishing the Deputy Fire Marshal Position to the rank of captain in the Balch Springs Fire Department.

Councilmember Hill moved to amend Ordinance 3136-16, abolishing the Deputy Fire Marshal Position to the rank of captain in the Balch Springs Fire Department (Ord. 3214-20). 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 regarding approval to construct new parking lot lights for Irwin Park, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, from the Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond.

Councilmember Shelby moved to approve construction on new parking lot lights for Irwin Park, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000, from the Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond. 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)**

6. Consideration and action regarding approval of a change order to the contract with Triple C Fence Company for construction of (4) four new dugouts at Guy Berry Park, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, from Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond.

Councilmember Rushing moved to approve of a change order to the contract with Triple C Fence Company for construction of (4) four new dugouts at Guy Berry Park, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000, from Economic Development Corporation Type B Park Amenities Bond. 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)**

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

Mayor Gordon:

- Memo regarding city staff overtime pay and volunteer work.
- Discussion on Balch Springs reopening and Interlocal Agreement for the Cares Act.
- Email regarding future City Council Retreat and/or workshop.

Councilmember Hill:

- Consideration and action to eliminate either Meet and Confer or Civil Service.

City Manager:

- Consideration and action regarding extension of contract with Community Waste Disposal.
- Consider and action regarding approval Interlocal Agreement with Dallas County for the Cares Act.

8. Closing prayer – Lupe Baladez, City Staff gave the closing prayer.

9. Adjourn - Mayor Gordon adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:29pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 8, 2020