

THE CITY OF
BALCH SPRINGS
GROWING COMMUNITY

**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF BALCH SPRINGS
JUNE 24, 2019
7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Identification of a quorum.

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

Absent: Councilmember Hill (Arrived at 7:03pm)

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

Staff: Susan Cluse, City Manager
Mark Morris, Assistant to the City Manager
Cindy Gross, City Secretary
Jon Haber, Police Chief
Randy Smith, Fire Chief
Chris Dyser, Planning & Zoning
William Freeman, Public Works Director
Mark Horak, Code Enforcement
Bianca Redmon, Chief Financial Officer
Lupe Baladez, Inspector
Monte Akers, City Attorney

Invocation was given by Sammy Moon, City Councilmember.

Pledge to the US Flag and the Texas Flag was led by Monte Akers, City Attorney.

Items of Community Interest - City Secretary:

June 29th – 4th of July Fireworks Celebration at 5:00pm at Irwin Park and Veterans Memorial Dedication at 3:30pm.

July 1st - Budget Workshop at 6:00pm at City Hall

July 23rd – Mobility Transportation Plan Study Open House Meeting at 6:00pm at the Balch Springs Civic Center

August 10th – 3rd Annual Unity in the Community at 6:30pm at the Recreation Center.

City Offices will be closed for 4th of July.

Citizen Comments.

Speaker: Johnny Red Cloud Cox, 10935 Rockstone Dr., Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to the flags at City Hall need to be replaced.

Speaker: Carrie Marshall, 12601 Natalie Dr., Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to the Balch Springs Founders Day Celebration on August 3rd at the Cosmopolitan Event Center 6:00pm.

Speaker: Eddie Handlin, 12316 Seagoville Road, Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to petition for speed bumps on Seagoville Road and property damage.

Speaker: Marie Tedei, 4708 Pioneer Rd., Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to code compliance issues, customer service, drainage and thanked the Neighborhood Service Department.

Speaker: Miles Johnson, 14733 Cedar Creek Way, Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to a recreation center with amenities in the Spring Ridge area.

Speaker: Angela Singletary, 3216 Balch Springs Rd., #203, Balch Springs, TX. 75180
Subject: Spoke to City Council in regards to water bill, smart water meter, customer services and the flood & drainage fees.

Mayor Gorwood closed citizen's comments.

Mayor Gorwood requested that agenda item "B" be removed from the consent agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. May 28, 2019 - Regular Meeting

B. Approval of resolution establishing and approving the Homeward Bound Homebuyer Program.

Councilmember Moon moved to approve the May 28, 2019 - Regular Meeting minutes. 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)**

REPORTS/UPDATES:

1. Update by Economic Development on 2019 ICSC Recon Trade Show.

Chris Dyser, Linda Highwood and Effie Donaldson with Economic Development Department, gave a power point presentation regarding goals, cost, economic development attendees and non-economic development attendees, booth visitors, contacts made, meetings made and areas marketed for the 2019 ICSC Recon Trade Show.

2. Update by City Staff regarding the Utility Billing process.

Tracy Turnipseed, Utility Billing, gave a power point presentation regarding customer service, meter services, account types, description and due dates, service interruptions, disconnect alert messages and the Utility Billing process.

3. 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:

B. Approval of resolution establishing and approving the Homeward Bound Homebuyer Program.

Santosha Pratt, Neighborhood Service, explained to the City Council that the Homeward Bound Homebuyer Program is to make homeownership possible for families. The Neighborhood Services will implement the Homeward Bound Homebuyer Program and offer first-time buyers assistance with closing cost up to \$1,000.00 for the purchase of single-family home.

Councilmember Hill moved to approve a resolution establishing and approving the Homeward Bound Homebuyer Program (Res. 841-19). Councilmember Rushing 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)**

Mayor Gorwood stated the City Council will be convening into executive session prior to agenda item #4. No objections for the City Council.

1. Consideration and action regarding the Code of Ordinances Chapter 38 - Health and Sanitation, Section 38-371 - permit required.

City Council, City Attorney and staff held a discussion regarding amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 38 - Health and Sanitation, Section 38-371 to include food trucks/trailer and the rules and regulations, health inspections and permits required.

Councilmember Tucker moved to direct staff to prepare an ordinance to permit food trucks and trailers, and bring back to City Council for approval. Councilmember Shelby seconds the motion. Voting for this motion were Councilmember Moon, Councilmember Shelby, Mayor Pro Tem Segroves, Councilmember Rushing and Councilmember Tucker. Voting in opposition was Councilmember Hill. **Motion passed. (5-1)**

2. Consideration and action regarding code enforcement letter.

City Attorney explained to the City Council that the code enforcement letter informs the citizens that they have been placed on notice of the violation of the city ordinances and what they need to do in order to come into compliance. Discussion was held regarding the concerns

and/or issues with proposed code enforcement letter. Council Rushing requested to postpone until the appropriate language can be corrected in the letter.

Council Rushing moved to direct staff to start using the code enforcement letter that the City Attorney has drafted. Councilmember Tucker seconds the motion. Councilmember Rushing moved to amend the motion to correct the typographical errors. Councilmember Tucker 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)**

3. Consideration and action regarding approval of a Drainage Utility District.

City Council, City Attorney and staff held a discussion regarding the process of creating a Municipal Drainage Utility System, and if there is a need for a municipal drainage utility system.

Councilmember Rushing moved to start the process of creating a Municipal Drainage Utility System. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

Councilmember Moon moved to remove this agenda until the next election. **Motion died for lack of a second.**

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION:

5. Council to hold Executive Session under Section 551.071 (Advice of Attorney) with regard to a matter that is the duty of the attorney to consult with Council and falls under the attorney-client privilege or with regard to a matter that involves litigation or contemplated litigation or claims, of the Texas Government Code:

City Council convened into executive session at 8:30pm.

A. Discussion of Charter Amendment issues and re-appointment of the Charter Review Commission.

City Council reconvened into open session at 8:52pm

4. Consideration and action regarding the re-appointments to the Balch Springs Charter Review Commission.

Councilmember Moon moved to re-appoint the Balch Springs Charter Review Commission with the ones that want to return in August, 2019. 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. Announcements, requests for information, and/or new business to be placed on future agendas.

Councilmember Rushing – Items for the next City Council Meeting:

- Scrap metal ordinance and executive session regarding Judge Huffman's duties and responsibilities in regards to code enforcement.

- Chief Haber – June 28th at 9:00am at library recognition of Officers Jones, Gross and Officer Fields for the structural fire that occurred on December 10, 2018.

8. Closing prayer.

Mayor Gorwood gave the closing prayer.

9. Adjourn.

Mayor Gorwood adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JULY 8, 2019.