

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 28, 2019

Call to Order- Mayor Christie called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll of Council was called by City Clerk Jertson; Council members Wozniak, Flynn, Lloyd, Fowler, Wilms and Bourke were present.

Citizen Input; Alice Smith, 33 Dannocho Drive Bella Vista spoke about her property being one of those getting a lien placed on it. She feels that the amount for the clean-up is too high and feels that she should not have to pay that amount.

Approval of Minutes for the City Council meeting on September 23, 2019. *Council Member Wilms pointed out that in Resolution 2019-40 there was an error in that it said bids in reference to choosing Bond Counsel. It should have said RFQ's. Clerk Jertson will make that correction. Larry Wilms then moved to approve the minutes, it was seconded by John Flynn. Approved by voice vote of 6-0.*

Approval of the Minutes for City Council Special Meeting held on October 1, 2019. *Motion to approve by John Flynn, second by Doug Fowler. Approved by voice vote of 6-0.*

Financial Report for August 2019. Mayor Christie spoke about the report and asked if there were any questions. Copies were available for those who wanted them.

Mayor Christie talked about an incident that the Fire Department was involved in while assisting the White Rock, MO Fire Department on October 21st in dealing with a Propane fire. This was a very dangerous situation with a 30 thousand gallon propane tank that was handled very professionally and disaster was averted. The Mayor publicly recognized the Bella Vista firefighters that were involved in this incident. Several were present and were given a standing ovation after being introduced.

Motion to Suspend the Rules and read all Ordinances and Resolutions on the agenda by title only was made by John Flynn, second by Linda Lloyd. Roll call vote was 6 ayes, 0 nays.

ORDINANCE 2019- AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA, ARKANSAS ON THE QUESTIONS OF ISSUING BONDS UNDER AMENDMENT NO. 62 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COST OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; LEVYING A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETIRING SUCH BONDS; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

Mayor Christie then gave an overview of the reasons for this sales tax Bond Issue. He discussed the various parts of this bond issue and the issues that it would solve for Bella Vista and it residents. He discussed the Public Safety building that will house the Police Department and the Bella Vista Court. In addition he talked about the new Fire Station on the West side of Bella Vista that will replace a very outdated Fire Station 3. The new station will be built on land that the City already owns. Another element is the Fire training center that will allow the continuous training of our Fire Department personal without having to leave Bella Vista to obtain this required training. Mayor Christie then asked Fire Chief Sims to come forward and talk more about that

these additions will do to improve our Fire Department and its ability to serve our residents.

Chief Sims then spent quite a bit of time going over all the aspects of the new Fire Station 3 and the Fire Training facility and the benefits that it will provide. He talked about the ratings that the Fire Department receives when it is graded for ISO Ratings. He explained the way the department is rated and the points received for each aspect of the process. The fire training facility will not only have training but will also have 2 pumper trucks at that site which will assist in deployment to that portion of Bella Vista. He talked quite a bit about how important this training aspect is in retaining firefighters in the department. The goal is to strive to be the best department possible so that we can serve the community in any given situation. He talked about the land that has been selected for this fire training site. He cited many positives about this property and how it will serve this need. There are some water issues presently on the property but can be easily corrected. This site will also be available for use by the Police Department for tactical training. Chief Sims answered several questions from the council.

At this point the council heard from Daniel Allen from Raymond James on the financial aspect of the bond issue and from Ryan Bowman from Friday, Eldredge & Clark, Bond Counsel who answered several questions from council about the bond issue and how it's structured. Many questions were asked about the contingency and how it was arrived at. The timeline that is involved is the driving force of the contingency and its need. After much discussion the recommendation was to leave the issue as written with two issues on the ballot. The Public safety complex as one and the Fire station and training center as the other. Many additional questions were asked and answered and the decision was to leave the Ordinance as is and move to second reading at the November meeting.

R2019-43 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER ESTILL TO THE BELLA VISTA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM EXPIRING OCTOBER 1, 2022. *Motion to approve by Larry Wilms, seconded by Doug Fowler. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. Approved.*

R2019-44 RESOLUTION APPROVING AMOUNTS OF LIENS TO BE CERTIFIED TO THE BENTON COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR AGAINST CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES AS A RESULT OF GRASS CUTTING EXPENSES AND ABATEMENT OF OTHER NUISANCES BY THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA. *PUBLIC HEARING was opened by the Mayor and there was no input so the Public hearing was closed and a motion to approve was made by Doug Fowler, second by Linda Lloyd. Roll call vote was held and carried 6-0.*

R2019-45 RESOLUTION AMENDING RULE 2-SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL. *Motion to approve by Linda Lloyd, second by John Flynn. Roll Call vote Ayes: Lloyd, Flynn, Wilms, Fowler and Bourke. Nays: Wozniak. Approved.*

R2019-46 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A STORM CLEAN-UP GRANT FOR THE CITY TRAIL SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 FROM THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION AND AMENDING THE 2019 CITY BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE THE REVENUE AND AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURE. *Motion to approve by John Flynn, second by Doug Fowler. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Approved.*

R2019-47 RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,908,000.00 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO RAZORBACK GREENWAY EXTENSION PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE NEW MERCY WAY BRIDGE AND A BLOWING SPRINGS TO METFIELD GREENWAY CONNECTION. *Motion to approve by Doug Fowler, second by Linda Lloyd. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Approved.*

R2019-48 RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT PRESENTED BY THE LANDMARK, PLC FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018. Motion to approve by Linda Lloyd, second by John Flynn. Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Approved.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next City Council Work Session will be Tuesday November 12, 2019 at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- The next Regular meeting of the City Council, Monday November 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Work Session will be Thursday November 21, 2019 at 4:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting will be December 9, 2019 at 6:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment will be November 19, 2019 at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Construction Appeals will be November 12, 2019 in the Bella Vista District Court Building.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:49PM.

City Clerk Wayne Jertson

Mayor Peter Christie