

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – DECEMBER 16, 2019

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

City Clerk Wayne Jertson called the roll of council; Council members Wozniak, Flynn, Lloyd, Wilms and Bourke were present. Council member Fowler was unable to attend.

Mayor Christie asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the November 18 regular meeting. Council member Wilms offered a correction in writing to his comments made at that meeting. He made a motion to add that clarification. It was seconded by Jim Wozniak and was approved by roll call vote unanimously. Clerk will make the change. Minutes were approved with the change.

The Mayor then asked if there were any corrections or additions to the December 2nd, 2019 Special meeting minutes. Again Council member Wilms asked that an added line of his comments be added to the minutes. He moved for the change and it was seconded by Wozniak. Roll call vote was called by Clerk Jertson and the minutes were approved with the correction unanimously.

Mayor Christie stated that the October financial report is out and has been received by council. Copies were available at the meeting and at City Hall. The city remains in a solid financial position.

Business:

R2019-55 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S RE-APPOINTMENT OF MANUAL "WADE" HAGAN FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM IN POSITION 1 OF THE BELLA VISTA BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020. *Mayor Christie read the Resolution and a motion to approve was made by Council Member Wozniak, seconded by Wilms. Roll call vote was 5 ayes, 0 nays to approve.*

R2019-56 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETARY FUNDING TRANSFERS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS IN THE 2019 ANNUAL CITY BUDGET. *Mayor Christie read the Resolution and explained the reasons for this need. It allows the Finance staff to move small amounts from one department to another at the end of the year to balance the budget. It has not been used in the last 3 years but if needed it would avoid the need to call a special meeting to accomplish this. Council member Wilms questioned if this is used will the council get a report on what actually took place. The Mayor assured him that they would be informed of any movement of funds. Council member Bourke asked if there should be a cap placed on the amount of the transfer. He suggested that a cap be made on how much could be moved from one department to another. The Mayor suggested at this late date that that type of change be discussed and made a part of the process for next year. Council member Bourke agreed. The proposed amendment is out of order as it was not in writing. Council member Wozniak moved approval of the Resolution, it was seconded by Wilms. Roll call vote resulted in unanimous approval.*

R2019-57 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019 CITY BUDGET TO RECOGNIZE \$2,208,611 IN GRANT REVENUE FROM THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION RELATED TO THE MERCY BRIDGE/BLOWING SPRINGS GREENWAY PROJECT. *The Walton Family Foundation will be giving the city a \$4.98 million dollar grant. This will fund the completion of the widening of the Mercy Way Bridge and the bike trail. The balance of the grant will be used for the extension of the Razorback Greenway from Blowing Springs to the Metfield area. Motion to approve by John*

Flynn, second by Jim Wozniak. Roll call vote; Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Approved.

R2019-58 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A CITY BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020, APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH ITEM OF EXPENDITURE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. *Copies of the budget are available on the table in the back of the room and will be available at city hall. A car wash at the street department that was in the budget was removed and the money will be used for a security project at the Police Department, Fire Station one and City Hall. The changes in electrical charges at the Library related to the construction may cause a need for a budget amendment possibly in the spring of 2020. Council Member Wilms asked about the car wash taken out of the budget. If the funds are available will this be added back? The Mayor stated that it probably would be added. Council member Wilms then questioned the truck for the new Code officer for Community Development. He wanted to know what size truck was being considered and wondered if a smaller size would be sufficient. CDS Director Doug Tapp stated the reasons the full size pick-up is preferred. Motion to approve by Linda Lloyd, seconded by Larry Wilms. Roll call vote passed unanimously.*

R2019-59 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A SEVENTH AMENDED ANIMAL SERVICES CONTRACT FOR ANIMAL SHELTERING SERVICES WITH BELLA VISTA ANIMAL SHELTER, INC. *Mayor Christie read the Resolution and announced that there is no change from this year, Council Member Lloyd then made a point to express he feelings that the Animal Shelter does an amazing job and are very much a class act. Council Member Wilms also added hi thanks to the Animal Shelter and staff for the excellent fund-raising efforts that they put forth to assist in the funding needed. Council member Flynn mentioned that the funding for the year fluctuates based on the number animals that come into the shelter. He asked if the Mayor knew the amount for this year. He did not recall the number for the year, Police Chief Graves stated that it was under budget for the year. Somewhere around \$70-85 thousand for the year. He also mentioned that the shelter is going to get into microchip use in the coming year. A Motion to approve was made by John Flynn, seconded by Linda Lloyd. Roll call vote; Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Resolution Approved.*

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next City Council Work Session will be January 21, 2020-at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- The next Regular meeting of the City Council, Monday January 27, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Work Session will be Thursday January 2, 2020 at 4:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting will be January 13, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment will be January 23, 2020 at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Construction Appeals will be January 14, 2020 in the Bella Vista District Court Building.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:53PM

City Clerk Wayne Jertson



Peter A. McLaughlin
Mayor Peter Christie