

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – JANUARY 27, 2020

Call to Order by Mayor Christie at 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance recited by those present.

Roll Call of Council was called by City Clerk Jertson; Wozniak, Lloyd, Flynn, Fowler, Bourke & Wilms all present.

Citizen Input: **Mike Hartsfeld**, 14 Sandridge Dr. spoke about a new water source for Bella Vista that he feels would be very beneficial to Bella Vista. He will make an appointment with the Mayor to discuss his idea. **Gwyn Hartsfeld**, 14 Sandridge Dr. then spoke also about the water issue her husband brought up and talked about losing a house because of a lack of water. She said that they would like to work with the city on this issue. **Sandy Fosdick**, 37 Stonehaven Dr. Spoke about the Greenway extension to Metfield. She is concerned about the safety of people on the trail around Brittany golf course. She feels that the path should be moved for safety reasons.

Council Reply: Mayor Christie commented on Sandy Fosdick's concerns and stated that they would be looked at in regards to the plan in place.

Council Member Fowler asked for a contact number to get ahold of Hartsfeld's about what they were talking about. He also commented on Sandy Fosdick's comments on the Greenway extension. He said that he would definitely be looking into it.

Approval of the minutes from the December 16, 2019 Council meeting was moved by Larry Wilms, seconded by Jim Wozniak. Roll Call vote was called and was carried 5 in favor and one abstention by Council Member Fowler who was not at the December meeting. Minutes approved.

BUSINESS: First item is to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem for 2020. Jim Wozniak nominated John Flynn, Steve Bourke nominated Doug Fowler. Clerk Jertson called for a voice vote by name; Council Members Wozniak, Lloyd and Flynn voted for Flynn. Council Members Bourke, Wilms and Fowler voted for Fowler. There being a tie the Mayor voted for Flynn. John Flynn will be Mayor Pro-Tem for 2020.

R2020-01 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED DISBURSING OFFICERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORY BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020. Motion to approve by John Flynn, second by Jim Wozniak. Vote was unanimous to approve.

R2020-02 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 CITY BUDGET TO APPROPRIATE \$55,000 IN UNDESIGNATED RESERVES TO THE CITY HALL/POLICE/FIRE SECURITY FENCE PROJECT. The Mayor made some comments on the need to place this fencing around the Police and Fire Department property. He described the place and the type of fence and gate that will be placed on the property. Motion to approve was made by Larry Wilms, second by Jim Wozniak. Vote was unanimous to approve.

R2020-03 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LIMITED TERMINABLE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH BELLA VISTA VILLAGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR PURPOSES OF FACILITATING AN EXTENSION OF THE RAZORBACK GREENWAY INTO THE CITY. Mayor Christie explained that we are approving this first, it still has

to be approved by the POA Board. Council member Wilms asked if this had been looked at by our legal counsel. Staff Attorney Jason Kelley commented that he had reviewed and that he is satisfied that it does what is supposed to do. Larry Wilms asked if this was a city responsibility and the answer was yes. Council member Bourke commented on this Greenway not being a bike trail, he believes it is entirely different than a bike trail. Council member Fowler stated that this Greenway has very broad support from the community at large. Motion to approve by Jim Wozniak, second by John Flynn. Vote was unanimous to approve.

R2020-04 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS OF CUYLER SCATES TO POSITION 6 ON THE BELLA VISTA BOARD OF CONSTRUCTION APPEALS. Motion to approve by Linda Lloyd, second by Jim Wozniak. Vote was unanimous to approve.

R2020-RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. The Mayor explained the steps that have been taken to update the Employee Handbook. One item that just came up shortly before this meeting was mentioned by the Mayor and explained by Staff Attorney Jason Kelley. There is a need to check on an item to make it is in compliance with other legislation. For this reason Mr. Kelley asked that this be tabled to allow him time to review this item. A motion to table until February was made by Council member Wilms and seconded by Jim Wozniak. Vote was unanimous to table.

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next City Council Work Session will be Tuesday February 18, 2020-at 5:30PM in the City Hall Conference Room.
- The next Regular meeting of the City Council, Monday February 24, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Work Session will be Thursday January 30, 2020 at 4:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting will be February 10, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment will be February 18, 2020 at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Construction Appeals will be February 11, 2020 in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Three Town Hall meetings will be held concerning the upcoming Bond election supporting a one cent sales tax for a new Fire Station, Fire Training center and a new Public Safety Building. February 4th at 6:00pm at Riordan Hall, February 5th at 3:00PM at the Bella Vista Court room and February 6th at 10:00AM at Highlands United Methodist Church.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58PM


City Clerk Wayne Jertson




Mayor Peter Christie