

**MINUTES OF  
BULLARD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 12, 2020**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Bullard, Texas, was held Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m. at Bullard City Hall, 114 South Phillips, Bullard, Texas, with the following present:

**Mayor: Pam Frederick**  
**Mayor Pro Tem: Bryan Willis**  
**Councilmember: Mark Anderson**  
**Councilmember: Shirley Coe**  
**Councilmember: Lane McDaniel**  
**Councilmember: Terry Mebane**

**City Manager: David Hortman**  
**City Attorney: Robert Davis**  
**Police Chief: Gary Don Lewis**  
**Finance Director: Sonja Richey**  
**Communication Manager: Lexie Hudson**  
**City Secretary: Doris Crockett \***

\*Attending via Zoom Video Conferencing

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Meeting Order: Call to Order; Roll Call; Invocation; Pledge to Flag

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**ITEM 1: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – NONE**

**ITEM 2 – STATEMENTS OF ELECTED OFFICER RECEIVED – COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT SHIRLEY COE, TERRY MEBANE, AND BRYAN WILLIS**

Statements of Elected Officer were executed and received from Council Members Elect Shirley Coe, Terry Mebane, and Bryan Willis.

**(On March 10, 2020, a Certificate of Unopposed Candidates was presented, and Council adopted an Order of Cancellation for the May 5, 2020, General Election certifying the candidates unopposed and declared elected.)**

**ITEM 3 - OATHS OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS ELECT SHIRLEY COE, TERRY MEBANE, AND BRYAN WILLIS**

City Secretary Doris Crockett administered Oaths of Office to Council Members Elect Shirley Coe, Terry Mebane, and Bryan Willis for two-year terms.

## **Council Minutes**

### **ITEM 4 – BRYAN WILLIS – ELECTED AS MAYOR PRO TEM FOR ONE YEAR TERM**

On motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Coe and carried unanimously, Councilmember Bryan Willis was elected to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a period of one year:

### **ITEM 5 – ONCOR ELECTRIC – RESOLUTION DENYING PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES ADOPTED**

Mr. Charles Hill, Oncor Regional Customer Operations Manager, was present via Zoom Video Conferencing regarding the filing on April 3, 2020, of proposed change in Oncor rates.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Anderson and carried unanimously, the following captioned Resolution was adopted denying the proposed change in rates (filed April 3, 2020) of Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC so that the request would proceed to the Texas Public Utility Commission to adopt rates that would be the same for all of Oncor's customers throughout the state: **(Attach Resolution 2019-0512)**

### **ITEM 6 – BLUEBONNET POINT WELLNESS, LLC – TEMPORARY WAIVER TO CONSTRUCT SIDEWALKS**

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Mebane and carried unanimously, Council granted the request of Bluebonnet Point Wellness, LLC for a temporary waiver to construct required sidewalks on their property at 151 Heritage Springs Drive for a period up to 2 years or if another commercial property is built within that 2 year period that Bluebonnet Point Wellness, LLC will complete construction of their required sidewalk within 90 days, and Mayor Frederick or City Manager Hortman were authorized to execute agreement prepared by City Attorney Robert Davis.

### **ITEM 7 – TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TXDOT) – PURCHASE OF .2716 ACRES OF PARK PROPERTY FROM CITY FOR WIDENING FM 2493 (HOUSTON STREET) – AGREEMENT APPROVED**

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Councilmember Mebane and carried unanimously, the Council accepted the offer from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for purchase of .2716 acres of City Park Property for the widening of FM 2493 (Houston Street) at a purchase price of \$36,000 plus \$7,060 for any property damage, and authorized Mayor Frederick or City Manager Hortman to execute contract and related documents.

### **ITEM 8 – PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TABLED**

On motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission were tabled.

**ITEM 9 – EMPLOYMENT SEARCH FOR REPLACING POLICE CHIEF GARY DON LEWIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT IN EARLY 2021 – DISCUSS ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STRATEGIC GOVERNMENT RESOURCES (SGR)**

Mayor Frederick stated that with the knowledge that Police Chief Gary Don Lewis has indicated his plan to retire in early 2021 she would like to explore entering into an agreement with Strategic Government Resources (SGR) to conduct an employment search.

On motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Councilmember Coe and carried unanimously, Council authorized Mayor Frederick to look into the process and obtain a proposal to bring back to the Council from Strategic Government Resources (SGR) for the employment search for City of Bullard Police Chief to replace Chief Gary Don Lewis upon his retirement.

**ITEM 10 – 2021 GOVERNMENT SOCIAL MEDIA CONFERENCE – ATTENDANCE BY COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR TO BE INCLUDED IN 2020-2021 BUDGET**

Included in the 2019-2020 Budget was travel/registration for Communications Director Lexie Hudson to attend the 2020 Government Social Media Conference. This Conference was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The registration had been paid and either one-half of that cost would be reimbursed to the City or the registration would be prepaid for the 2021 Conference.

On motion by Mayor Pro Tem Willis, seconded by Councilmember Mebane and carried unanimously, Council expressed its intent to include in the City's 2020-2021 Annual Budget the travel expense to the 2021 Government Social Media Conference for the Communication Director.

**ITEM 11 – MINUTES APPROVED – APRIL 14, 2020**

On motion by Councilmember Anderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, City Council Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 14, 2020, were approved as presented.

**ITEM 12 – ADJOURNMENT**

On motion by Councilmember Coe, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Willis and carried unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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**PAM FREDERICK, MAYOR**

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**DORIS CROCKETT, CITY SECRETARY**

**NOTE: Staff reports were suspended during the Covid-19 pandemic.**