CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, met in Regular Session on Monday, November 4, 2013, in the Council Chamber, First Floor of City Hall, 7008 South Rice Avenue, Bellaire, Texas 77401, for the following purpose(s):

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert called the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to order at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013.

B. ANNOUNCEMENT OF A QUORUM – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert announced that a quorum was present consisting of himself and all members of City Council as follows: Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg. Also present were City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., City Attorney Alan P. Petrov, and City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

C. INSPRATIONAL READING AND/OR INVOCATION – Mayor Philip L. Nauert.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert provided the inspirational reading for the evening.

D. PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS – Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker.

1. U.S. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. PLEDGE TO THE TEXAS FLAG.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert led the audience and members of City Council in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

E. PROCLAMATION:

ISSUANCE of proclamation by Mayor Philip L. Nauert proclaiming the week of November 11-15, 2013, as “Perioperative Nurse Week” in the City of Bellaire, Texas, in dedication and recognition of the nation’s perioperative registered nurses who care for patients before, during, and after surgery – Proclamation issued by Mayor Philip L. Nauert;
Proclamation to be accepted by Joanne Oliver and NaKeisha Washington of the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN).

Mayor Philip L. Nauert read the proclamation he had issued proclaiming the week of November 11-15, 2013, as “Perioperative Nurse Week” in the City of Bellaire, Texas, in dedication and recognition of the nation’s perioperative registered nurses who care for patients before, during, and after surgery in its entirety.

Representatives from the Association of Perioperative Registered Nurses (AORN) were unable to attend the City Council Regular Session to accept the proclamation.

F. APPROVAL OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES:

1. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the approval and adoption of the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, October 21, 2013 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.

CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION/ACTION:

Councilman James P. Avioli, Sr., moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, October 21, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan seconded the main motion.

The main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

2. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the approval and adoption of the minutes of the Special Session (Executive Session) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, October 28, 2013 – Item submitted by City Clerk Tracy L. Dutton.
CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION/ACTION:

Councilman Andrew S. Friedberg moved to approve and adopt the minutes of the Special Session (Executive Session) of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, held on Monday, October 28, 2013. Councilman Roman F. Reed seconded the main motion.

The main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

G. PERSONAL/AUDIENCE COMMENTS.

Robert Riquelmy addressed City Council regarding the recent Candidates’ Forum that resident Lynn McBee facilitated for the citizens of Bellaire. He expressed concern that some questions submitted by the audience might not have been addressed to the candidates.

Dorothy Willis addressed City Council regarding a localized area on College Street with slow drainage. Although the storm drain in front of Ms. Willis’ home had been cleared by City Staff in the past, her neighbor advised that the pipe continued to clog because it was older and narrower than more newly installed pipes. Ms. Willis advised that she was interested in seeing whether or not this issue was scheduled for discussion among members of City Council.

Mayor Philip L. Nauert advised that one written comment had been received on behalf of the City Council by the City Clerk. He read the written comment into the record as follows:

I do not actually come to City Council Meetings, but I watch nearly every one from home on TV. Or at least I try. The video and audio stretch one’s physical capacities. Why bother to televise Council Meetings with such inferior technology?

On the other hand, why refrain from televising the Candidates’ Forum? Would it not have been better to make those proceedings available to Bellaire residents at home, even with the poor reception? Had those proceedings been televised, perhaps more than the hundred or so people who actually
attended the forum might have benefitted from the exchange among the candidates.

Elaine Riquelmy

H. REPORT(S):

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT regarding Residential Safety (Police Activity Report and Fire Department Activity Report), Public Infrastructure/Utilities (Major Projects Report), Internal Operations/Productivity (City Manager Search Process Update and Veterans Day holiday on November 11), and Upcoming City Council Meetings/Events - Item submitted and presented by City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr.

City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., presented the City Manager’s Report dated November 4, 2013, to members of City Council. Following questions of City Manager Satterwhite regarding his report, a motion was made and action taken to accept his report into the record.

CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION/ACTION:

Councilman Roman F. Reed moved to accept the City Manager’s Report dated November 4, 2013, as presented by City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr., into the record. Councilman Pat B. McLaughlan seconded the motion.

The main motion to accept the report into the record carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

I. NEW BUSINESS:

1. CONSENT AGENDA:

Surplus Property Disposition Request:

CONSIDERATION of and possible action on a request from the Community Development Department, Finance Department,
Fire Department, Library, Organizational Services (CTS) Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Public Works Department to dispose of surplus property in accordance with schedules and recommendations provided by said Departments – Item submitted by Administrative Assistant to the City Manager Pattie McGuire.

CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION:

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker moved to approve a request from the Community Development Department, Finance Department, Fire Department, Library, Organizational Services (CTS) Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and Public Works Department to dispose of surplus property in accordance with schedules and recommendations provided by said Departments. Councilmen Andrew S. Friedberg and Roman F. Reed jointly seconded the main motion.

Following questions from members of City Council regarding the disposition methods for surplus property, action was taken on the main motion.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON MAIN MOTION:

The main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

2. ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE(S)/RESOLUTION(S)

City Holiday Schedule:

a. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire, Texas, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-11, Special holiday, by deleting Section 2-11, Special holiday, in its entirety and adopting a new Section 2-11, to be entitled “Holidays,” for the
CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION:

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker moved to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bellaire, Texas, Chapter 2, Administration, Article I, In General, Section 2-11, Special holiday, by deleting Section 2-11, Special holiday, in its entirety and adopting a new Section 2-11, to be entitled “Holidays,” for the purpose of establishing special and official holidays for the employees of the City of Bellaire, Texas. Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan seconded the main motion.

Following questions from members of City Council, action was taken on the main motion.

CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON MAIN MOTION:

The main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

{Ordinance was subsequently numbered: 03-054}

Interlocal Agreement with Harris County, Texas:

b. CONSIDERATION of and possible action on the adoption of an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute and attest, respectively, and the Chief Financial Officer and City Attorney of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to countersign and approve as to form, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County, Texas, for purposes of receiving an
appropriation in the amount of $30,000.00 from Harris County, Texas, to be used for the operation and maintenance of The Nature Discovery Center at Russ Pitman Park, 7112 Newcastle Drive, Bellaire, Texas – Item submitted by City Manager Bernard M. Satterwhite, Jr.

CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION/ACTION:

Councilman Corbett Daniel Parker moved to adopt an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to execute and attest, respectively, and the Chief Financial Officer and City Attorney of the City of Bellaire, Texas, to countersign and approve as to form, respectively, for and on behalf of the City of Bellaire, Texas, an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County, Texas, for purposes of receiving an appropriation in the amount of $30,000.00 from Harris County, Texas, to be used for the operation and maintenance of The Nature Discovery Center at Russ Pitman Park, 7112 Newcastle Drive, Bellaire, Texas. Councilmen James P. Avioli, Sr., and Pat B. McLaughlan jointly seconded the main motion.

The main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

{Ordinance was subsequently numbered: 03-055}

J. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS; COMMUNITY INTEREST ITEMS FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

Community interest items from the Mayor and City Council included encouragement to residents to vote on Election Day (November 5, 2013) for City Council races and bond propositions; expressions of congratulations to the Friends of the Bellaire Library on a successful Book Sale, to the Environmental and Sustainability Board ("ESB") on a successful Bellaire Recycles Fest V, and to Bellaire’s First Responders on a successful fire truck
pull fundraiser benefiting the Special Olympics; expressions of thanks were given to ESB Chair Bill Stone on a successful Blood Drive, which he scheduled in conjunction with the Friends of the Library Book Sale and the Bellaire Recycles Fest V; and reminders and best wishes for Veterans’ Day and The Nature Discovery Center’s Annual Fundraising Gala to be held on November 22, 2013.

Items for future agendas included the City Manager search process (possible introduction of candidates to Department Directors and tours of the City prior to interviews) and discussions related to the preliminary design(s) for Condit Elementary School recently presented to residents and interested parties.

K. ADJOURNMENT.

CITY COUNCIL MAIN MOTION/ACTION:

Councilman Roman F. Reed moved to adjourn the Regular Session of the City Council of the City of Bellaire, Texas, at 7:59 p.m. on Monday, November 4, 2013. Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan seconded the main motion.

The main motion carried unanimously on a 7-0 vote as follows:

FOR: Mayor Philip L. Nauert, Mayor Pro Tem Amanda B. Nathan and Councilmen Roman F. Reed, James P. Avioli, Sr., Corbett Daniel Parker, Pat B. McLaughlan, and Andrew S. Friedberg

OPPOSED: None

ABSENT: None

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Dutton, TRMC
City Clerk
City of Bellaire, Texas
Approved:

Philip L. Nauert, Mayor
City of Bellaire, Texas