

BELLA VISTA CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FOR February 24, 2020- MINUTES

Call to order by Mayor Christie at 6:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.

Roll Call of Council by Clerk Jertson; Council Members- Jim Wozniak, John Flynn, Linda Lloyd, Doug Fowler, Steve Bourke and Larry Wilms all in attendance.

Citizen Input:

Curt Stoops, 22 Monikie Dr. spoke about Microchipping dogs. He is President of the Board of the Animal Shelter. He talked about some of the statistics from the past year and he is a big supporter of Microchipping of dogs and doing away with the license tags. He urged support of making chipping mandatory.

Leslianne Pratt, 15 Kirkaldy Dr. is the Animal Control Officer for the BV Police Dept. She stated that she has not once picked up a dog that had a city license in the past year. She talked about the process of finding a dog's owner when a dog is picked up. She urged the passage of the required Microchipping of dogs.

Council Reply:

John Flynn asked about the cost of Microchipping a dog and what happens when a dog is returned to the owner. Curt Stoops stated that the animal shelter charges \$20 to chip a dog. Leslianne Pratt stated that a stray dog picked up will be returned to the owner at no cost one time, after that there is a citation issued which will prompt a fine. Steve Bourke then made some comments and extolled the virtue of the Animal Shelter and its staff, he thanked them for the dedication and professional way in which they serve the city of Bella Vista. He talked about the low compliance we have with the dog licensing in the city. He promoted an awareness campaign is needed to our residents.

Larry Wilms asked about the 6 companies that provide the chipping that need to be searched to find a dog's owner. Police Chief James Graves answered that question by stating that they are going to build a database of owners with chipped dogs for the Bella Vista area. They will work with the animal shelter to get that accomplished.

Approval of the Minutes from the January 27, 2020 City Council Meeting: Motion to approve as presented by Larry Wilms, second by Doug Fowler. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve.

Mayor Christie then gave the State of the City Report. This is a required report of all Mayors in Arkansas. (Please note; this report is attached to these meeting minutes)

Financial Report for December. Report is available at this meeting.

Motion to suspend the rules and read all Ordinances and Resolutions by Title only was made by John Flynn. Seconded by Linda Lloyd. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Larry Wilms to accept the amended version of the Employee Handbook that is included in this packet. This was seconded by John Flynn. Roll call vote

was unanimous to approve.

R2020-05 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. *A motion was made by Jim Wozniak to approve the Handbook as amended. It was seconded by John Flynn. At this time Larry Wilms proposed an amendment to the Resolution in 3 different areas. His motion did not receive a second. At that point a vote was taken to approve the Resolution. Voting Aye were Lloyd, Flynn, Wozniak, Bourke & Fowler. Larry Wilms voted Nay. Resolution was approved.*

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO-2020-01 AMENDING SECTION 27-2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO PERMIT CLASS 1 ELECTRIC BICYCLE OPERATION ON PUBLIC-USE CITY TRAILS. *The Mayor read the Ordinance and explained the reason for this request. It allows a group of people who may not be able to use the trails without the assist the opportunity to enjoy the trails. These bikes will not emit any exhaust and will not harm the trails. Larry Wilms made a motion to move to third and final reading. It was seconded by John Flynn. Roll call vote was unanimous to approve. The Mayor then read the Ordinance for the final time and a motion to approve was made by Larry Wilms, seconded by John Flynn. Roll call vote; Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 Approved.*

ORDINANCE NO- REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTION 4-27 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO ELIMINATE THE DOG LICENSING REQUIREMENT AND TO ENACT A MANDATORY MICROCHIP REQUIREMENT FOR DOGS. *(First) Mayor Christie read the Ordinance and opened the floor to Council member Bourke who offered an alternative version of the Ordinance. He explained the change he is proposing and said that he preferred to not mandate chipping only, but rather offer a choice of chipping or licensing. Leaving that choice up to the owner of the dog. His motion was seconded by Larry Wilms.*

The Mayor then stated that the intent of this Ordinance was to get the city out of the dog licensing business and promote what all of the animal control people are saying is the best practice. A hybrid system creates more work and would not be the outcome he was looking for. Council member Bourke then said he feels that awareness is the most important part of this change. Council member Lloyd stated that having two methods of doing this is more confusing than just having the microchipping.

Doug Fowler commented by stating that we have a great Animal shelter. He likes the amendment that Council member Bourke offered. He feels that he should not tell someone that they need to chip their dog. Council member Lloyd stated that we already mandate a license and to change to a chip will be a much better system. After additional comments the decision was made to call the roll on the amendment. Lloyd and Flynn voted nay. Wozniak, Wilms, Fowler and Bourke voted aye. Amendment approved 4 to 2. Mayor Christie then read the title of the amended Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO- AMENDING SECTION 4-27 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA REGARDING THE DOG LICENSING REQUIREMENT AND INCENTIVIZING DOG

MICROCHIPPING. (This moves to second reading at the March City Council meeting.)

ORDINANCE NO-2020-02 AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELLA VISTA TO ADD A SECTION 10-26 SICK LEAVE AND A SECTION 14-18 SICK LEAVE TO CLARIFY SICK LEAVE ACCRUALS FOR UNIFORMED FIREFIGHTERS AND UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICERS AND TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW. (First) *Staff Attorney Jason Kelley went over the reason for this Ordinance to show that we are following the state law. John Flynn moved to suspend the rules and go to third and final reading. Seconded by Doug Fowler. Supported unanimously. Mayor then read for the final time. A motion was made by Jim Wozniak, seconded by Linda Lloyd. Supported unanimously.*

R2020-06 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S REAPPOINTMENT OF DOUG FARNER TO THE BELLA VISTA PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM EXPIRING MARCH 1, 2024. *Motion to approve by John Flynn, seconded by Larry Wilms, Supported unanimously.*

R2020-07 RESOLUTION AWARDING BID AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PINNACLE EMERGENCY VEHICLES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$158,000.00 FOR A REMOUNT OF A 2011 4X4 CHIEF XL BRAUN AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. *Motion to approve by Doug Fowler, seconded by Larry Wilms. Supported unanimously.*

R2020-08 RESOLUTION MAKING VARIOUS ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2020 CITY BUDGET. *Motion to approve by Jim Wozniak, second by Larry Wilms. Supported unanimously.*

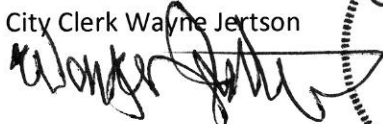
R2020-09 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2020 CITY BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$175,000.00 TO PROVIDE FOR CARRYOVER OF STREET DEPARTMENT RESURFACING EXPENSES AUTHORIZED IN THE 2019 CITY BUDGET, BUT NOT EXPENDED. *Motion to approve by Larry Wilms, second by Jim Wozniak. Supported unanimously*

MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next City Council Work Session will be Monday March 16, 2020-at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista City Hall Conference Room.
- The next Regular meeting of the City Council, Monday March 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Planning Commission Regular Meeting will be March 9, 2020 at 6:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Zoning Adjustment will be March 17, 2020 at 5:30PM in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Board of Construction Appeals will be March 10, 2020 in the Bella Vista District Court Building.
- Public Meeting on Bond Issue, Feb 26 at Metfield Clubhouse, 5:30PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35PM

City Clerk Wayne Jertson





Mayor Peter Christie