



**The City of Bellmead
City Council**

Regular Meeting

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3015 Bellmead Drive
Bellmead, Texas 76705

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Cynthia Ward
City Clerk
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Tuesday, March 9, 2010

6:30PM

Bellmead City Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order on March 9, 2010 at the Bellmead City Hall, 3015 Bellmead, Bellmead, Texas at 6:30 PM by Mayor Ruth Haines-Fields.

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Mayor Ruth Haines Fields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
David Schroder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Carl E. Swanson III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Kevin Wilson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Doss Youngblood	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Joshua A. Collier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II. INVOCATION

James Karl gave invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

James Karl led the Pledge the American flag.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GUEST AND VISTORS/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Ruth Haines- Fields welcomed guest and visitors, opening the floor for public comment to those individuals wishing to address the Council, regarding non- agenda items.

Mr. Edward Kubiak 4016 Gram stated to the Council he would like to see his street repaired and resurfaced as soon as possible.

Julie Sykora 803 LaClede addressed the council in regards to Voters Registration. She stated she has had success in registering voters in Bellmead. She stated she had currently registered 28 voters, and 21 citizens took the cards with them.

V. COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER REPORTS

Discussion regarding the following:

Council member Youngblood – none
Council member Wilson – Had questions about Meyers Lane.
Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder – Had a question for City Engineer in regards to the 3ft of water that was over in the Treasure Island Addition.
Council member Swanson III – no report.
Council member Collier – no report.

A. Introduction of New Employees hired by the city. (City Manager Pena)

Comments- Current meeting:

Mr. Pena addressed the council and introduced the new employees hired by the city to council members at the request of Council member Carl E. Swanson III.

B. Report on Employee Health Insurance.

Comments- Current meeting:

Mr. Pena addressed the council in regards to Health Insurance. He stated he had been in contact with a broker, to get bids and do comparisons, and he was confident he would get back soon with good information. He stated he was looking to enhance benefits for employees and reduce cost to the city.

C. Report on Comprehensive plan request for proposals.

Comments- Current meeting:

Mr. Pena addressed the council in regards to the City Comprehensive plan. He stated a request is posted on the state internet site to accept proposals until April 1st. He stated so far he has had interest in at least 5 different agencies.

D. Report on New Industrial Park Plant Site, Water Supply and Storage Improvements.

Mr. Pena addressed the council with information about the new water well at industrial park. He stated he would like authorization for City Engineer to proceed with bids. He stated the water pressure in this area is not sufficient for future plans in this area. He stated city's cost without bids would be about \$724,000.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

All consent items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, and if such a request is made, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in a normal sequence on the agenda.

A. Minutes Approval

1. Tuesday, February 9, 2010
2. Thursday, February 25, 2010

VII. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Discussion and or possible action on approving Public Safety Director and Public Works Director.

Mr. Pena asked for authorization from City Council to appoint James Karl as Public Safety Director and Scott Coleman as Public Works Director.

MOTION:	Wilson, Council member
SECONDED:	Collier, Council member
AYES:	All
NAYES:	None

Discussion: None

Motion: Carried.

B. Discussion and/ or possible action on approving Lawn/ Mowing Service Contract.

Mr. Pena stated he had solicited bid for lawn service and received a bid from Premier Lawn Care for 21,000. He stated he would be saving the city 1 position and 14,000 for services.

MOTION:	Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDED:	Wilson, Council member
AYES:	All
NAYES:	None

Discussion: Council member Collier had questions about the company's reputation.

Mr. Pena stated Premier Lawn Care currently have commercial accounts, and have future plans on expanding to municipalities. He stated Premier currently have several bids out in surrounding cities. Mr. Pena stated the city currently has a one year contract with a 30 day out clause, if the city does not like the work.

Mr. Youngblood wanted to know if two employees were hired.

Mr. Pena stated one person for parks department was hired and Premier Lawn care service which would save the city \$14,000.

Motion: Carried.

C. Discussion and/ or possible action authorizing the City Manager to convert the current retirement plan from 25 years to 20 years.

Elizabeth Dieterich addressed the council and explained the conversion from 25 years to 20 years to the council. She stated 89% of all Texas participants are under the 20 year plan.

Council member Swanson wanted to know how this change would affect our current employees.

Elizabeth Dieterich stated it would affect 4 employees at this time if they chose to retire.

MOTION:	Collier, Council member
SECONDED:	Swanson III, Council member
AYES:	All
NAYES:	None

Charlie Olson read the resolution. The resolution stated a public hearing need to be held before adopting the said resolution. Charlie Olson recommended council withdraw both motions and set a public hearing for the next meeting.

Council members Collier and Swanson III both withdrew the motions.

Discussion: None

Motion: Tabled until next meeting.

- D. Discussion and/ or possible action on repair of cooling tower in the amount of 65,132.50.

Scott Coleman addressed the council about the Meyers Lane cooling tower. He stated due to the unusual cold winter several pipes had burst inside the cooling tower. He further recommended the council consider getting water tower fixed as soon as possible due to summer approaching.

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder made the motion to get water tower fixed at this time and discuss heating element at a later date.

MOTION:	Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDED:	Collier, Council member
AYES:	All
NAYES:	None

Discussion: None

Motion: Carried.

- E. Discussion and/ or possible action appointing Committee Board Members for the calendar year 2010.

The following individuals were approved by council as 2010 board members.

Planning and Zoning - Lester McDowell, Robert Keys, Charles Brown and Travis Gibson, Rhonda Wollard, Chase McAninch, Adrian Huff and Milford Behringer.

Park Board - Henry Williams, Jo Campbell, Ruth Garris, Ralph Vanegas, and Sandy Jordan

Building Standards – Stanley Glynn, Kevin Harris, Sandra Pinon, Robert Simpson and Milford Behringer

Board of Adjustments – Donald Glynn, Kevin Harris, Ray Guest, JL Morgan and Joe Gomez

MOTION:	Collier, Council member
SECONDED:	Wilson, Council member
AYES:	All
NAYES:	None

Discussion: None

Motion: Carried

VIII. SWEARING IN OF THE NEW PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR.

Public Safety Director James Karl was sworn in by City Secretary Cynthia Ward.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session: Time at 7:18 p.m.

- A. The City Council shall convene into executive session pursuant to §551.072 of the Texas Government Code to discuss real estate.

Re- Opened Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion To: Adjourn

COMMENTS – Current Meeting:

There being no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

Ruth Haines-Fields, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cynthia Ward, City Clerk