



**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, April 13, 2010**

**6:30PM**

**Bellmead City Hall**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Meeting was called to order on April 13, 2010 at the Bellmead City Hall, 3015 Bellmead, Bellmead, Texas at 6:30 PM by Mayor Ruth Haines-Fields.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Late</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
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**

**Ruth Haines-Fields** gave invocation.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Ruth Haines Fields** 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 addressed the Council and stated he would like to see his street repaired and resurfaced as soon as possible. He stated he would also like to see the street sweeper every once in a while. He stated he finally determined who his council member was, and has never had a council member to come to his door in the 20 years he has lived in Bellmead.

Julie Sykora 803 LaClede addressed the council in regards to a letter that was sent to council in regards to code enforcement. She stated he only received replies from Youngblood and Collier. She then passed out information concerning how the voter’s registration turned out. She stated to council she also gave out flyers to the voters.

Mayor Ruth Haines wanted to know what type of information was on the flyers.

She stated just general information about the election and the name of the candidates that were running.

Bonnie Barker 1008 Maxfield address the council with concerns about tall grass next to her property. She also wanted to know what types of animals were allowed in the city.

Angela Carey 4019 Paradise addressed the council to thank them for a job well done. She stated she appreciated her new streets, and felt like the council is doing a great job for the city. She gave a special thanks and acknowledge her council man, David Schroeder.

Gary Moore 1411 Strickland addressed the council with a couple of concerns. He spoke in regards to a couple of articles he had read in the paper, stating one was negative and one positive. He stated he feels like council should settle out of court. He suggested a small interest loan to help the businesses get storage.

## **V. COUNCIL/ CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

Discussion regarding the following:

Council member Youngblood – no report.

Council member Wilson – Reported on the new website and bill pay online.

Mayor Pro Tem Schroeder – Reported on his new grandchild, and how well his children are doing in school.

Mayor Fields-Reported on April 19<sup>th</sup> the Mayors of the surrounding cities will meet at the Ferrell Center to show support for the Basketball teams and everyone is invited. She also reported there would be a possible called meeting in the next two weeks.

Council member Swanson III – Reported on being appreciative to Mrs. Carey for being positive about the council.

Council member Collier – no report.

### **A. Report on room rentals at Bellmead. (City Manager Pena)**

#### **Comments- Current meeting:**

Mr. Pena reported to the council his concerns about the room rentals at the Civic Center. He stated it was brought to his attention that majority of the rooms were being compensated. He stated he has spoken to the City Attorney in regards to this situation. He stated the City Attorney advised the city should not be compensating rooms. He recommended staff coming back to council at a later date with recommendations on how to solve this issue.

### **B. Report on Community Outreach Programs.**

#### **Comments- Current meeting:**

Mr. Pena reported to the council about the community outreach programs set up in the near future. He stated the Police department has two neighborhood watch programs being set up in Precinct 5, a national night out program scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>, and a Police careers on wheels set up with La Vega I.S.D. He stated the Neighborhood Development department has a low cost pet vaccination clinic set up for May 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00 pm, at the Bellmead Civic Center.

### **C. Report on City of Bellmead and City of Lacy Lakeview hosting a meeting for Central Texas Chapter of Municipal Clerks on April 21, 2010.**

#### **Comments- Current meeting:**

Mr. Pena reported City Secretary Cynthia Ward and the City of Lacy Lakeview would be hosting a luncheon meeting for the Central Texas Chapter of Municipal Clerks.

**D. Report on Public Safety take home vehicle program.**

**Comments – Current meeting:**

Mr. Pena reported to Council the incentives in allowing the officers to participate in a take home vehicle program. He stated it would save the city approximately \$5,000 annually.

**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, March 9, 2010
- 2. February Financials

**VII. REGULAR AGENDA**

**A. Discussion and or possible action regarding the adoption of a resolution from the Texas Municipal Retirement System converting the current retirement plan from 25 years to 20 years.**

City Attorney suggested this item be table and brought back at a later date.

**B. Discussion and/ or possible action regarding 2009 fiscal year audit.**

Mr. Riggs addressed council and gave presentation in regards to the 2009 fiscal audit. Mr. Swanson thanked Mr. Riggs and his auditing firm for doing a great job for the city. He also asked Mr. Pena to introduce our interim finance director Ann Smith to the council.

**MOTION:** Swanson III, Council member  
**SECONDED:** Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem  
 (Council members were polled by city secretary)  
**AYES:** All  
**NAYES:** None

**Discussion:** None  
**Motion:** Carried.

**C. Discussion and/ or possible action regarding funding Community Garden project.**

Mr. Pena addressed the council with a request from the Parks Boards chair Jo Campbell to sponsor a community garden. He stated the community garden was suggested as a project to help get the community involved as a whole. The cost analysis presented to the council was in the amount of \$3608.11 for supplies, and the property for the garden, Mr. Herring offered to sell to the city for \$9,000. Mr. Pena stated that this particular piece of land would be ideal for future overflow parking for the police department.

Mayor Fields wanted to know if Mr. Herring would consider leasing the land to the city. Mr. Pena stated it was presented to Mr. Herring to allow the city to lease, and Mr. Herring wanted to sale instead.

Mr. Wilson wanted to know the square footage of the property. Mr. Pena stated he believes it 40x 100.

Council member Collier made a motion to purchase two lots for \$9000 and funding for the community garden project.

**MOTION:** Collier, Council member  
**SECONDED:** Wilson, Council member  
(Council members were polled by city secretary)  
**AYES:** All  
**NAYES:** None

**Discussion:** None  
**Motion:** Carried

**D. Discussion and/ or possible action sponsorship of Greater Waco Community Education Alliance.**

Mayor Fields read a letter from the Greater Waco Community Education Alliance, and asked council if they would be interested in funding this project.  
This item was table until a representative could be present.

**MOTION: Item tabled for further discussion**  
**SECONDED:**  
**AYES:**  
**NAYES:**

**Discussion:** None  
**Motion:** None

**E. Discussion and/ or possible action regarding the appointment and hiring of a new finance director.**

Mr. Pena addressed the council in regards to hiring a new finance director. He recommended to council, Mr. Donald Moore from Port Isabella.

**MOTION:** Schroeder, Mayor Pro Tem  
**SECONDED:** Collier, Council member  
(Council members were polled by the city secretary)  
**AYES:** All  
**NAYES:** None

**Discussion:** None  
**Motion:** Carried

**F. Discussion and / or possible action regarding the appointment of an alternate representative to the Waco McLennan County Health Board.**

Council member Wilson addressed the council in regards to appointing an alternate to the Waco McLennan County Health Board.  
Mr. Swanson agreed to be the alternate for the Waco McLennan County Health Board.

**MOTION:** Wilson, Council member  
**SECONDED:** Collier, Council member  
(Council members were polled by the city secretary)  
**AYES:** All  
**NAYES:** None

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Carried

- G. **Discussion and/ or possible action regarding new Fire Prevention Ordinance.** (Billy Hlavenka)

This item was table for a future meeting.

**MOTION:**  
**SECONDED:**  
AYES:  
NAYES:

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** None

- H. Discussion and/ or possible action regarding the purchase of a Dura Patcher Pothole/ Crack repair machine and a Yanmar SV08 Compact Excavator. ( Scott Coleman)

Scott Coleman addressed the council about the purchase of this equipment and how it would be beneficial to the city to purchase. He stated there was money budgeted for a backhoe and recommend waiting on the purchase of the back hoe and purchase the patching machine and the excavator with that funding. The patching machine is \$75,666 and the excavator is \$17, 300. Mayor Fields wanted recommendation from city manager. City manager agreed with the purchase of the equipment.

**MOTION:** Collier, Council member  
**SECONDED:** Wilson, Council member  
(Council members were polled by the city secretary)  
AYES: Wilson, Schroeder, Fields Swanson III and Collier  
ABSTAIN: Youngblood

**Discussion:** None

**Motion:** Carried

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion To:** Adjourn

COMMENTS – Current Meeting:

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

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Ruth Haines-Fields, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cynthia Ward, City Clerk