



*The City of Bruceville-Eddy Rising into the Future*

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## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES September 22, 2022

### 1. Meeting called to order by Mayor Linda Owens at 6:00pm

Councilmembers present: Connally Bass-Mayor Pro Tem, Ricky Wiggins, Cecil Griffin, Richard Prater, and James Tolbert.

City Employees present: Kent Manton-City Administrator, Pam Combs-City Secretary, Thomas Arnold-Code Enforcement, Chief Dorsey, Danielle McGruer-Court Clerk, Office Basey, Officer Richardson, Officer Hesterberg, and Officer Martinez

### 2. Citizen Presentations

The City Council welcomes public comments at this point on items not specifically listed on the agenda. Speakers must sign up before the meeting begins. Speakers are limited to five (5) minutes each. The Council cannot respond to matters not listed on the agenda until a future meeting. **None**

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022 Regularly Called Council Meeting and the September 8, 2022 Special Called Council Meeting.

**Motion made by Connally Bass to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022 Regularly Called Council Meeting and the September 8, 2022 Special Called Council Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Tolbert yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes. Per the discussion Mr. Wiggins said, I need to change #12 on the Special Called meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> to read, None.**

### 4. Police Chief's Report – Chief Michael Dorsey

Calls for Service: Total 145; Arrest, Offense, Incident Reports: Total 20; Crash Reports: Total 3; Citations and Warnings: Total 44; Citations Total: 14 and Warnings Total:30

### 5. Oath of Office -Chief Michael Dorsey formally administered the Oath of Office to our two newest peace officers, Jerry Basey and Camden Hesterberg.

### 6. Officer Recognition-Chief Michael Dorsey will formally recognize Officer Justin Richardson for his heroic actions undertaken during the performance for official duties as a City of Bruceville-Eddy Police Officer. **The City and Police Department presented him with a plaque of honor**

### 7. Vehicle Purchase-Chief Michael Dorsey

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on a request by Chief Michael Dorsey to purchase a used police vehicle using monies in the approved FY 2022-2023 budget (Asset Forfeiture Account) from Chicago Motors Incorporated in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 with a purchase date of no sooner than October 1, 2022.  
**Motion made by Connally Bass to purchase a used police vehicle using monies in the approved FY 2022-2023 budget (Asset Forfeiture Account) from Chicago Motors Incorporated in an amount not to exceed**



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\$25,000 with a purchase date of no sooner than October 1, 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecil Griffin, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

**8. Public Works Director's Report – Gene Sprouse**

Gene gave reports on service order status and street patching. He informed the council that next week they will be repairing the culvert at Franklin Rd and W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**9. City Engineer's Report – Johnny Tabor**

**1. USDA Rural Development-New Wastewater System:**

Tabor & Associates, Inc. is waiting on USDA Rural Development to issue closing instructions and authorize the project to be bid.

**2. Hydraulic Analysis & System Mapping Update:**

We received the City's final map mark-ups on September 7<sup>th</sup> and are currently completing these changes. We request a Called Meeting on either October 24<sup>th</sup>, October 25<sup>th</sup>, or November 2<sup>nd</sup> to present the final Hydraulic Analysis and System Mapping to the Council. Please confirm if one of the dates is acceptable to the City for presentation.

**3. Foster Branch Addition – Lots 1-6 Water Improvements:**

Construction by Bull-G Construction is near completion. We are waiting on Bac-T sample tests, clean-up, and final documents.

**10. Code Enforcement Officer's Report – Thomas Arnold**

Cases worked: 76; Cases Closed: 25; Cases in court: 2; Active cases at end of month: 52

**11. City Administrator's Report – Kent Manton**

Please see attachment

**12. Approval of Finances:**

- a) Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on approving August 2022 financial reports for the general and water fund accounts.
- b) Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on approving August 2022 accounts payable for the general and water fund accounts.

Motion made by Ricky Wiggins approving August 2022 financial reports for the general and water fund accounts and also August 2022 accounts payable for the general and water fund accounts. 2<sup>nd</sup> by James Tolbert, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.

**13. Date Selection for the Hydraulic Analysis & System Mapping Updates:**

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to select a date and time for a Special Called Meeting for the purpose of hearing and reviewing findings from the December 2021 ordered Hydraulic Analysis & System Mapping project.

Motion made by Cecil Griffin to schedule the meeting on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6:00 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricky Wiggins, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.



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**14. Purchase Professional Services**

At the request of the Budget Committee, Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to authorize the City Administrator to sign in agreement for services to be performed by Ron Perri Water Technologies for the purpose of cleaning loose sediment and performing minor repairs if needed, inside the Westridge GST, Westridge EST, and Ford EST in a mount not exceed \$10,000.

**Motion made by James Tolbert to authorize the services to be performed by Ron Perri Water Technologies for the purpose of cleaning loose sediment and performing minor repairs if needed, inside #1-2) 200k Gallon Elevated Water Storage Towers \$2850.00 each = \$5700.00, #3 1 of those tanks 50k-125K Gallon Water Storage Ground Tanks \$2250.00, and #4 500k Gallon Water Storage Ground Tank \$2750.00(in amount not to exceed \$12,000.00). 2<sup>nd</sup> by Connally Bass, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.**

**15. Establishment of a Street Repair Committee**

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action on the establishment of a temporary Street Repair Steering Committee for a period not to exceed six months of service. Proposed composition: two City Council members, the Mayor, the City Administrator, the Public Works Director, the Finance Director, and two citizens appointed by council.

**Motion made by Connally Bass, I move we approve Item #15 on the agenda for the people the council discussed. The two council members elected for the committee are Ricky Wiggins and Richard Prater. The two Citizens on the committee are Graham McGruer and Joyce McGlothlin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.**

**16. Nomination of Candidates to the Falls County Appraisal District Board of Directors:**

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to nominate candidates to the Falls County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

**Motion was made by Ricky Wiggins to nominate Byrleen Terry and Ian Gisesler for candidates to the Falls County Appraisal District Board of Directors. 2<sup>nd</sup> Connally Bas, yeas 5, nay 0. motion passes.**

**17. EOAC Agreement:**

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement with the Economic Opportunity Advancement Corporation for the purpose of allowing Low-Income Households of the Bruceville-Eddy Water System the opportunity to apply for public assistance through the Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation.

**Motion made by Richard Prater approving the City Administrator to execute an agreement with the Economic Opportunity Advancement Corporation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cecil Griffin, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.**

**18. Water Rate-Proposed New Rate Structure:**

Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to adjust water rates for the Bruceville-Eddy Water System. Council will review our current rates along with recent rate increases passed along to the City of Bruceville-Eddy Public Water System from our bulk water supplies, Bluebonnet Water Supply Corporation. Council will discuss and review different options for updating our current rates and ensuring fund solvency.

**Motion made by Ricky Wiggins to table this until after we get the Hydraulic Analysis & System Mapping Update, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes.**



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**19. Public Hearing – Water Rates- Hearing in Session at 7:17 pm**

Council to hear public comments on proposed increases to the City of Bruceville-Eddy Public Water System rates. **None**

**20. Close Public Hearing-Water Rate**

Public hearing adjourned at 7:25 pm

**21. Auction of Surplus Items**

- a. Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to officially approve a list of durable assets as surplus items.

**Motion made by Cecil Griffin to sell everything on the list and also stuff we are not using, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ricky Wiggins, yeas 5 nay 0, motion passes.**

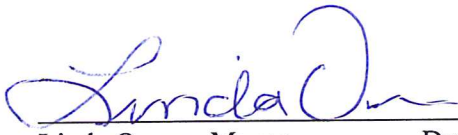
- b. Council to discuss, consider, and possibly take action to authorize the City Administrator to execute an agreement with Rene Bates Auctioneers, INC, for the sale of surplus items and to allow for the deposit of all proceeds into their respective accounts.

**Motion made by James Tolbert to go with 10%, and use Rene Bates Auctioneers, Inc. has recommended, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ricky Wiggins, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes**

**22. Community Announcements**

B-E Volunteer Fire Dept. will be having a fish fry on October 8, 2022. Support your teachers on Teacher Appreciation Day, October 5<sup>th</sup> by putting up blue light and wearing blue ribbons.

**23. Adjournment Motion made by Cecil Griffin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Richard Prater, yeas 5, nay 0, motion passes**

 10/28/22  
Linda Owens, Mayor Date

 10-28-22  
Pam Combs, City Secretary Date