

## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – OCTOBER 27, 2020**

The members of the Bayou Vista City Council convened for a Special Called Meeting on October 27, 2020, 6:30 p.m. at the Bayou Vista Community Center, located at 783 "C" Marlin (at the corner of Neptune and Marlin, concerning the following items:

### **1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m., by Mayor Lou Wortham.

### **2. Roll Call**

The Roll Call was taken audibly and is as follows:

Mayor:	Lou Wortham	Present
Position 1:	Jeff Campbell	Present
Position 2:	Shelby Dill	Present
Position 3:	Paul Hershey	Present
Position 4:	Joshua Christie	Absent with Notice
Position 5:	James L. Cook ,III	Present
Mayor-Pro-Tem		

Legal Counsel – Dick Gregg was present.

### **3. First Order of Business**

- A. Announcement by the Mayor of the presence of a quorum that the meeting had been duly called, and the notice of the meeting had been posted in the manner prescribed by law.

### **4. Pledge of Allegiance/Texas Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was led by Mayor Wortham.

### **5. Citizen's Comments on Agenda Items Only**

A copy of the information received from Galveston County concerning the four (4) options available for the Blue Heron road repair project were available at the meeting. Several citizens from Blue Heron addressed the Council and questioned concrete vs. asphalt; longevity, drainage, etc.

### **6. SPECIAL REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Discuss and accept the Financial Statement ending September 2020, prepared by Whitley-Penn.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook to move this item to the next meeting Agenda.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Paul Hershey.

Motion carried with all in favor.

- B. Special Report
  - Alderman Reports, if any.

Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook reported that he had been in contact with “Revize” (Website). The contract will be sent to the Mayor to be executed, but that nothing will occur with the new Website until the City Secretary position has been filled.

Alderman Shelby Dill asked about the application procedure for this position. Mayor reported to Council that the current application has been slightly revised as per our legal counsel, and the notice will be published in the Galveston Daily News and will be published next week.

Alderman Jeff Campbell reported on the Joe Mims memorial bench. When the design and cost for construction are established, he will announce the donation process on the Bayou Vista Message Board and Facebook.

- Mayor Report, if any.  
 The Mayor had nothing to report at this time.

**7. ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Consider and take possible action to consider construction options for the Blue Heron road repair project with four (4) options presented by Galveston County.

The following represents the four (4) options as submitted by Galveston County:

OPTION	BID PRICE	CITY CONTRIBUTION
1. Asphalt paving-Base Bid project limits	\$415,435.00	\$115,204.50
2. Asphalt paving-Entire Project limits	\$490,110.00	\$152,542.00
3. Concrete paving – Base Bid Project limits	\$473,215.00	\$144,094.50
4. Concrete paving – Entire Project limits	\$567,250.00	\$191,112.00

A lengthy discussion occurred with concern expressed about several issues. A misunderstanding that engineering costs were included in the total amount of funds to be received by the City, wave action, drainage, and that this project would deplete the entire Road Repair Account of \$158, 776.05.

An idea to approach the County with a payment plan had been suggested by Alderman Christie via Alderman Hershey. The possibility of borrowing against the large City-owned lot was also discussed.

It was further discussed that the difference between the Base Bid Project limits and the Entire Project limits was the amount of the street to be repaired:

Either - -

1. the full length of Blue Heron approximately 3,400 feet Entire Project Limits, or,
2. exclude approximately 562 feet toward the church (Base Bid project limits) that would not receive new asphalt or concrete.

The 562 feet equates to approximately 8 to 10 houses that would not receive concrete on the street in front of their homes.

The pros and cons of concrete versus asphalt were discussed at length. The need for a Road Plan to be developed was suggested as the road repair needs for the entire City should be addressed and planned for now.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook to approved Option 3. Concrete paving-Base Bid Project Limits, as presented by Galveston County.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Jeff Campbell.

Members in favor: Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook  
Alderman Jeff Cook  
Alderman Paul Hershey

Members opposed: Alderman Shelby Dill.

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

- B. Consider and take possible action to remove the name of Terri Neal as a signatory and contact person for all accounts with Texas First Bank, Hitchcock, Texas and add the name of Paula J. Eshelman, Interim City Secretary as the contact person for the City of Bayou Vista, and add the name of Shelby Dill, Alderman, as a signatory to all accounts of the City of Bayou Vista.

A motion was made by Alderman Paul Hershey to approve this item, as presented.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook.

Motion carried with all in favor.

- C. Consider and take possible action to approve the quote submitted by Crescent Electric for the electrical work needed to provide a receptacle to be installed at the Community Center in preparation for use by a temporary generator in case of a catastrophic event whereby the Community Center would be used by the Police Department as a Command Center.

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Campbell to approve the quote as presented with the possibility of the cost to be covered by the CARES Act funds to be received by the City.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Shelby Dill.

Motion carried with all in favor.

**8. COMMENTS**

- Citizen's Comments

Several Blue Heron residents addressed the Council with the following:  
Why the tax rate can't be increased to allow road repairs to occur on all the City streets.

A "wash-out" from wave action on Blue Heron should not be a concern.

If the City can spend \$180,000 on the swimming pool that is used for a short period of time throughout the year, some of the funds could be used for the last 560 feet of road on Blue Heron.

With all of the questions that Council had concerning this project, how can the vote occur?

- Aldermen Comments  
No comments made at this time.
- Mayor's Comments  
No comments made at this time.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Alderman Jeff Campbell, duly put and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook, the City Council adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula J. Eshelman  
Interim City Secretary

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Lou Wortham, Mayor

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