

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2020**

The members of the Bayou Vista City Council convened for a Special Called Meeting on December 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom, concerning the following items:

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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	Present (Joined Meeting at 6:07 p.m.)
Position 5: Mayor-Pro-Tem	James L. Cook, III	Present

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. Citizen’s Comments on Agenda Items Only

No comments were made at this time.

5. Comments

1. Citizen’s Comments

Suggestion given that security cameras could be placed at both exits. The Chief of Police responded that he had researched that idea and the cost would be approximately \$30,000, but that he would continue looking for additional options.

2. Aldermen Comments

No comments.

3. Mayor’s Comments

No comments.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor called the City Council into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. for the following items:

- A.** Executive Session: under Texas Government Code – Section 551.074(1): A governmental body may conduct a closed session (a) to deliberate personnel matters; the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: City Secretary.
- B.** Executive Session: under Texas Government Code, Section 551.071: A governmental body may conduct a closed session when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney on (A) pending or contemplated litigations; or (B) a settlement offer; or (2) a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflict, to wit: Terri Neal claims / threatened litigation / possible settlement offer.

7. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- A.** The Council reconvened into Open Session at 7:28 p.m. and took the following action concerning Section 551.074 (1) (a) and Section 551.071 (A).

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook to authorize the Mayor to accept the terms and conditions as outlined by our legal counsel and the Texas Municipal League and is authorized along with our legal counsel to settle according to the terms and conditions as presented .

The motion was seconded by Alderman Shelby Dill.

Motion carried with all in favor.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook to authorize the Mayor to contact the primary candidate with original offer and if rejected, to offer to the second candidate.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Josh Christi.

Members in favor: Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook
Alderman Shelby Dill
Alderman Paul Hershey
Alderman Josh Christie

Members abstaining: Alderman Jeff Campbell

Motion carried with the majority in favor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem James Cook, seconded by Alderman Shelby Dill, duly put and unanimously carried; the City Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula J. Eshelman – Interim City Secretary

Louis J. Wortham III, Mayor

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