

## BELLS BOARD MEETING AUGUST 8, 2016

Aldermen present: Bob Pigue, Scotty Runions, John Pigue, Dabney Long and Eric Jordan. Mayor Williams, presided. Alicia Pigue, Recorder.

Others present: Chief Jernigan, Junior Jordan, Chief Jenkins, Jere Kail, Martha Edmonds, Billy Brimm, Charlie Moore and Mildred Brimm.

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order and gave invocation.

Alderman Eric Jordan moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as written. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Williams reported the July ratio for the Lagoon flow was 84% Pictsweet: 16% City.

Mayor Williams discussed the sales tax and instructed the City Recorder to pull a Situs to ensure that the City was not getting any other municipality or County's sales tax since it was substantially higher than last year.

Alderman Eric Jordan moved to install a guardrail in a dangerous area on Davis Street at a cost of \$3,410. Alderman Scotty Runions seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

The Mayor held a brief hearing on the City's intent to exceed the certified tax rate. No input was given. The Mayor and Board discussed different funding issues and liabilities incurred by the city. Alderman John Pigue moved to adopt Resolution no 08082016 **"A RESOLUTION TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX RATE ABOVE THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE."** Alderman Bob Pigue seconded the motion. Thereupon Mayor Williams called for a roll call vote with the following results: Alderman Bob Pigue, Aye; Alderman Scotty Runions, Aye; Alderman John Pigue, Aye; Alderman Dabney Long, Aye; Alderman Eric Jordan, "Nay". Motion carried.

Martha Edmonds discussed blighted homes and junk vehicles.

Charlie Moore discussed progress on the Save the Bells Theater campaign.

Mayor Williams discussed TDOT potentially paving the rest of Main Street and Front Street for the City.

Being no further business Alderman Eric Jordan moved the meeting adjourn. Alderman Dabney Long seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted, Aye. Motion carried.

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JOE M. WILLIAMS, MAYOR

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ALICIA PIGUE, RECORDER