



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

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Minutes of the **Called Meeting** of the governing body of the City of Bruceville-Eddy was held on the 12th day of September 2019 at 6:30 PM at City Hall Council Chambers, located at 143 A Wilcox Drive, Eddy, Texas.

Call to Order. Mayor Connally Bass called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance:  
**Gary Lucas was absent (excused family emergency in the family)**

**Councilmen present:**

Mayor Connally Bass  
Pat Hargis  
Allen Trigg  
Linda Owens  
Gary Lucas

**Employees present:**

Sonya Bishop  
Juan Cardenas  
Pam Combs  
Officer Lopez

Citizens attendee sign-in sheet attached.

- A. Call to Order: Mayor Connally Bass
- B. CITIZEN TIME: At this, we would like to listen to members of the audience (*which have turned in a speaker form*) comments or concerns. All comments are limited to a maximum of five minutes for action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. When your name is called, please come to forward and state your name and address clearly before making your comments. Thank you.

**Citizen Comments:**

Mr. Moore 407 Horseshoe Bend stated that during the previous council meeting the council was asked if they had any questions or concerns about the police department, and everyone said no. Mr. Moore said he received a letter that was delivered to him anonymously. Mr. Moore stated that he found the letter to be true given his research. He read the letter to the audience. (see attachment). Mr. Moore stated the city needs to have the Texas Rangers to come out.

Mayor Bass stated he has been in contact with the Texas Rangers twice and that is all he can say.

Sonya Bishop stated there was a complaint filed with Bill McLean and that everything that the city council knows, and she is aware that Bill McLean investigated the complaint. That this is the only update she has regarding the accusations.

Mayor Bass announced Jason Dean is no longer a council member.

Linda Owens asked to speak. Ms. Owens stated that the letter indicated nothing other than people in the community was doing things they should not be doing. Ms. Owens explained that the council has talked to people about this situation. Ms. Owens stated she did get a letter in her mailbox, that she had heard about it. Mr. Trigg also stated he did not get a copy of the letter.

Mayor Bass stated that he has a concern about an officer in uniform making threats. Mr. Moore stated that his concerns are that the mayor asked in the last meeting persons that had authority asked if there were any other issues and everyone said no.

Councilman Gary Lucas asked the Mayor to please speak about the civility policy.

Mayor Bass informed the audience of a new legislative law that came in effect September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 that allows member of the public to address council on any topic that is listed on the agenda. (See attachment)

Mayor stated he has issues with the way the reports for AP. Sonya Bishop explained the reports using the new software will be easily read.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- I. Council to consider A/P for General/Water Funds for August 2019
- II. Council to consider minutes of regular meeting on August 8, 2019.
- III. Council to consider minutes of special meeting on August 11, 2019.

Motion to accept made by Gary Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen Trigg all in favor 4

Mayor introduced councilman Pat Hargis as the new councilman filling in for Halbert Wilcox.

1) Engineers Report (see attachment)

Mr. Tabor explained the progress on the sewer is moving along. We are still waiting on easements.

- a. Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action advertisement for bids for water improvements - Edén Farms - Subdivision on Remington

Mayor asked Mr. Tabor where we stand with the sewer once the lift stations are secured. Mr. Tabor explained he has 45 days after the lift stations are acquired to submit plans.

Linda Owens asked if the new meters in Remington will hinder the city from providing water to existing customers. Mr. Tabor explained the city will be fine.

Motion made by councilman Gary Lucas to advertise for bids for Remington Ranch Subdivision water improvements contingent on approval of the City Administrator and Engineer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Trigg  
All in favor 4

- 2) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on abandonment of platted 20" Alley behind lots 4,5 and 6 in block 2, of the original town of Eddy known by MCAD as Lot B, in Block 2 of the original town of Eddy to Byron Bostic who has been paying taxes

Councilman Pat Hargis made the motion to abandon the alleyway. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Owens  
All in favor 4

3) Code Enforcement Report

City Administrator explained neither of the code enforcement officers were available and she did not have an accurate number of citations.

Mrs. Moore 107 Horseshoe Bend asked about the holes in the roads. City Administrator explained the there is a resident that has a brain injury that the county cannot have the machinery out there at this time.

4) Water Department Report (see attachment)

5) Police Chief Report (see attachment)

- a. Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action sale of forfeiture assets.  
Motion made by Gary Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Owens All in favor 4



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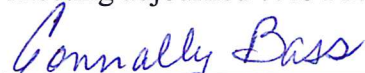
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- b. Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action sale of fixed assets.  
Motion made by Gary Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Owens All in favor 4
- c. Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on hiring third party to audit the evidence room.  
Motion made by Linda Owens to allow Chief Cardenas to get quotes. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Lucas All in favor 4
- 6) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on adopting tax rate.  
Motion made by Gary Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Owens All in favor 4
- 7) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on adopting general fund budget.  
Motion made by Linda Owens 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Lucas All in favor 4
- 8) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on adopting water fund budget.  
Motion made by Gary Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Trigg All in favor 4
- 9) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on change in job descriptions, duties and personnel.  
The City Administrator explained that Esther Moreno asked to change her job title. She is not comfortable being named as the City Secretary as she has never performed the duties required.  
  
Motion made by Linda Owens to appoint Pam Combs as City Secretary and Esther Moreno as Finance Director.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen Trigg All in favor 4
- 10) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on closing job posting for police chief effective September 12, 2019.  
Motion made by Linda Owens 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Lucas All in favor 4
- 11) Council to discuss, consider and possibly take action on transferring \$10,000.00 from line item 10-10-6915 FUTURE PROJECTS TO LINE ITEM 10-10-6415 AND 10-40-6415 COMPUTER EXPENSE to cover the extra expenses of software upgrades.  
Motion made by Gary Lucas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Owens All in favor 4

Meeting adjourned 7:48 PM



Mayor Connally Bass

seal



**Attest:**

  
Sonya Bishop, City Administrator