



April 5, 2022 Election Four Questions - BIG Improvements

Question 1: Street GO Bonds *No Tax Increase*

How will the funds be spent?

- 20 MORE miles of streets reconstructed
- 90,000 MORE feet of curb replaced
- 115 MORE sidewalk ramps - ADA compliant



Ballot Language

Question 1:

Shall the City of Belton, Missouri, issue its general obligation bonds in the amount of \$21,000,000 to construct, reconstruct, extend and improve the streets and roads of the City, and to acquire any easements and rights-of-way?

Questions 2 & 3 Work Together to Address Water Line Issues

Question 2: Water Revenue Bonds for Water Line Replacement **No Water Debt Rate Increase*

How will the funds be spent?

- Replace failing water line infrastructure over the next five years.



***No Rate Increase if Question 3 Passes**

Questions 2 & 3 Work Together to Address Water Line Issues

Question 3: 1/2 Cent Sales Tax Extension *No Tax Increase*

How will the funds be spent?

- Pay for the revenue bonds for water line replacement (Question 2) without a water debt rate increase.



Question 2:

Shall the City of Belton, Missouri, issue its waterworks revenue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$60,000,000 to acquire, construct and improve the City's waterworks system, including but not limited to, the replacement of water infrastructure and to build an additional water tower, with the principal of and interest on said revenue bonds to be payable from the revenues derived by the City from the operation of its waterworks system, including all future extensions and improvements thereto?

Question 3:

Shall the City of Belton, Missouri, be authorized to eliminate the termination provision of the capital improvement sales tax and continue to impose its capital improvement sales tax of one half of one percent for the purpose of funding the costs of capital improvements for the City, including the payment of debt service on financings incurred to construct capital improvements for the City?

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Question 4: Use Tax for Pavement, Pathways, Pets & Parks

How will the funds be spent?

- Widen I-49 to six lanes from 155th Street to North Cass Parkway
- Trail improvements
- Sidewalk grant program
- Dog park improvements
- Splash pad & park improvements
- Ongoing street/stormwater projects & maintain city services

City Council approved the creation of an Oversight Committee to ensure funds are spent as promised.



What is a local use tax?

- A use tax levels the playing field for Belton businesses (both online & in-store).
- A local use tax applies to the purchase of goods from out-of-state businesses delivered to a Belton address.
- The State of Missouri mandates a local use tax be the same rate as the city's sales tax, currently 3.25%.
- A purchase will never be subject to both a use tax and a sales tax.

How is a use tax different from sales tax?

- While local sales tax is collected from brick-and-mortar retail stores, a use tax will be collected on purchases made from out-of-state businesses that ship to Belton customers.
- Currently, the city does not collect local sales tax on out-of-state and online purchases, Cass County and the State of Missouri do.

A purchase is only taxed once, either with a sales tax or a use tax - never both.

Explanatory Statement:

Use Tax is collected instead of sales tax when a resident obtains retail goods from an out-of-state vendor in a taxable purchase not subject to sales taxes. The State of Missouri and Cass County already collect Use Tax on these purchases.

Currently, the City receives no Use Tax revenue. If the voters approve a Belton Use Tax, purchases from out-of-state businesses delivered to a Belton address will be taxed the same as an item purchased in a Belton store. At no time are a Use Tax and sales tax collected on the same purchase, it is one or the other, never both.

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Question 4:

Shall the City of Belton, Missouri, impose a local City use tax at the same rate as the total local City sales tax rate (currently three and one - quarter percent (3.25%)) provided that if the local sales tax rate is reduced or raised by voter approval, the local use tax rate shall be reduced or raised by the same action?

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