

**Minutes of the Belton City Council
Work Session, Public Hearing, & Regular Meeting
February 12, 2019
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri**

Mayor Davis called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Alexa Barton, City Manager, said she is aware of staff and Council concerns regarding allocation of public safety tax money and Belton Emergency Management. The City's Emergency Management was reorganized last year to fall under the Fire Department with shared oversight of both Police and Fire. The Fire and Police Departments will be splitting the public safety sales tax money 50/50 as promised to citizens. We have received grants for Emergency Management in the past; the Fire Department will apply for grants again in the future. (see attached)

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director/Assistant City Manager, gave an overview of the proprietary funds in the FY2020 budget, as well as the Special Revenue Funds. There will be an increase in water rates from last year, but there will be a decrease in the minimum payment for debt service. So overall, there will be a decrease.

The work session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor called the public hearing to order to receive input on the proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2019 and ending March 31, 2020. Being no public input, the public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m. and the work session resumed.

Ms. Ernzen continued her overview of the FY2020 budget Special Revenue Funds.

Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the work session at 7:15 p.m. and called for a short recess. Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 7:24 p.m.

Councilman Trutzel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silence to honor two former Belton City Aldermen who recently passed away, Darrel Cowan and Fred Olinger.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Davis, Lorrie Peek, Chet Trutzel, Ryan Finn, Gary Lathrop, Dean VanWinkle, Stephanie Davidson, and Tom MacPherson

Councilmembers absent: Tim Savage

Staff present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Padraic Corcoran, Attorney; and Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Lathrop moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:

- approving the minutes of the January 22, 2019, City Council Work Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting.

- approving Resolution R2019-16: **A resolution of the City Council of Belton, Missouri rescinding R2011-01 and stating its intent and desire to reassign and redesignate oversight of trees within the City of Belton to the Belton Parks and Recreation Board.**
- approving Resolution R2019-17: **A resolution approving Change Order No. 1 with SAK Construction, LLC for the 30”, 27”, and 18” interceptor lining project contract in the amount of \$217,236.89.**
- approving Resolution R2019-18: **A resolution approving Task Agreement 2019-1 with Olsson to perform design and construction services for the Belton I-49 Outer Road, 155th Street to 163rd Street project in the amount of \$ 254,299.65.**

Councilman VanWinkle seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilman Savage absent. Consent agenda approved.

ORDINANCES

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, read Bill No. 2019-06: An ordinance amending Chapter 13 – Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article XI – Vehicle Equipment, Division 2 – Seatbelts of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Belton, Missouri, enacting a primary seatbelt ordinance.

Presented by Councilwoman Peek, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman Savage absent. First reading passed. **Councilman Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman MacPherson seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman Savage absent. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman VanWinkle. There was a question about the fee structure. There is discretion. It is a range of \$10-\$50. Vote on the final reading as recorded:

Ayes: 8 Davidson, Finn, Peek, Lathrop, Trutzel, MacPherson, VanWinkle, Mayor Davis

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Savage

Bill No. 2019-06 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2019-4491**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2019-07: An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the final Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission cost share agreement with the City of Belton, Missouri in substantially similar form to the draft agreement included as Exhibit A for the Belton I-49 Outer Road, 155th Street to 163rd Street project.

Presented by Councilman VanWinkle, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman Savage absent. First reading passed. **Councilman Trutzel moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Lathrop seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman Savage absent. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman VanWinkle, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the final reading as recorded:

Ayes: 8 MacPherson, Lathrop, Finn, Peek, Mayor Davis, Trutzel, VanWinkle, Davidson

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Savage

Bill No. 2019-07 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2019-4492**, subject to Mayoral veto.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Davidson gave a Park report

- Kids Night Out is February 16 at High Blue Wellness Center – 5:30 p.m.
- Soccer league sign-ups are at the park
- Daddy/daughter dance is February 23 at Memorial Station – 7:00 p.m.
- Kids painting class is March 8
- Lifeguard courses are being offered – see the Park Facebook page
- There are free spring gardening classes – contact the park
- The Park Department is hiring PT positions – see the Park Facebook page

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Fred Olinger was an Alderman from 1983-1993. Darrel Cowan was an Alderman from 1986-2001.

The neighborhood watch meetings are starting back up again.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Beginning February 25, Northpoint Development will be doing small underground blasting to prepare the site.
- MML elected officials training will be June 6-7, 2019 in Columbia. If you'd like to attend, please let Ms. Barton or Ms. Cunningham know.
- Bulky trash pick-up will be April 5 for Monday customers and April 19 for Tuesday customers. There is information on our website and Facebook page. There is a flier coming.
- There will be two additional Saturdays scheduled for tree limb drop-off, February 23 and March 2. Watch for possible cancelations. March begins curbside pick-up again.
- There will be information and a flier online for Propositions R and S which will be on the April 2 ballot.

February & March 2019 meetings

02/26 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

03/12 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

03/26 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilman MacPherson asked about the potholes on 58 Highway. Celia Duran, Public Works Director, said 58 Highway is maintained by MoDOT. The city is reporting these to MoDOT, but the public can report them too. 816.607.2000

At 7:46 p.m. Councilman VanWinkle moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the leasing, purchase or sale of Real Estate, according to Missouri Statute

610.021.2, and that the record be closed and the meeting adjourn from there. Councilman Trutzel seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Ayes: 8 Finn, Lathrop, VanWinkle, MacPherson, Mayor Davis, Trutzel, Peek, Davidson

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Savage

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned following the executive session.

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Jeff Davis

2/12/19

The City Council and City Staff have heard that there are some concerns regarding the allocation of funds from the ½ cent public safety sales tax to emergency management.

As background, for many years the City and the Belton Emergency Communication Volunteers, sometimes referred to as BECV or BEMA (Belton Emergency Management Agency, which is slang for Emergency Management), partnered to provide emergency sirens, weather spotting, and some storm shelter services.

As time progressed, the City of Belton grew, and emphasis changed on the local, state, and national level to Homeland Security and disaster recovery. From its outset, the partnership between the City and BECV was beneficial. The two organizations, working together, have purchased a variety of items needed for proper emergency management with the BECV routinely purchasing the items and then donating the items to the City. After receiving the donation, the City insures and uses these items for the benefit of Belton citizens.

During Fiscal Year 2018, the City re-organized the emergency management department and moved it under the supervision of the Fire Chief. While members of the BECV began as unpaid volunteers, they are now considered part-time City employees both by the City and the IRS. Our first responders, both Fire and Police, work with our part time emergency management employees when needs arise. As the director responsible for supervising the emergency management department, the Fire Chief is responsible for submitting the department's annual budget requests and applying for grant opportunities.

Both, staff and elected officials, are committed to following the promises that were made to the citizens, which led up to and include the ballot language approving the ½ cent public safety sales tax, as illustrated by the nearly \$800,000 the Council has allocated to the Fire Department.