

Minutes of the Belton City Council
July 14, 2020
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Councilmember Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Davis, Gary Lathrop, Chet Trutzel, Dean VanWinkle, Dave Clark, Stephanie Davidson, and Lorrie Peek

Councilmember absent: Tim Savage and Ryan Finn

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Lathrop asked the Council to please remove items B, C, D, and G from the Consent Agenda to discuss under separate action. Councilmember Davidson asked the Council to please remove item E from the Consent Agenda to discuss under separate action.

Councilmember Peek moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:

- **approving the minutes of the June 23, 2020, City Council Meeting.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-31: A resolution formally accepting the Traditions Phase 2 Subdivision new public infrastructure of 1,461 feet of 8" water line and associated valves and fitting; three (3) fire hydrant assemblies; 1,678 feet of sanitary sewer main and associated manholes; 1,243 feet of storm sewer and associated structures; 3,612 lane feet of street; and stop intersection on Maggie Court at Emily Lane, Northwest corner with a two-year maintenance bond in the amount of \$594,039.88.**

Councilmember Clark seconded. All present voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

B. Motion approving the purchase of a 2020 F-350 Regular Cab 4x4 Truck from Blue Springs Ford Sales, Inc., for the Public Works - Water Services Department.

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. Councilmember Lathrop said B, C, and D are the same. It seems like the wrong time to buy these trucks after we just had a water rate increase. Alexa Barton, City Manager, explained the two F-350 trucks were scheduled to be replaced in 2016 and 2017. They are at their end of life and were budgeted for replacement. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

C. Motion approving the purchase of a 2020 F-350 Regular Cab 4x4 Truck from Blue Springs Ford Sales, Inc., for the Public Works - Water Services Department.

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

D. Motion approving the purchase of a 2020 Titan Vac-Con Jet/Vac Truck, from RED Municipal & Industrial Equipment Co., for the Public Works - Water Services Department.

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Peek. Councilmember VanWinkle asked if this truck would have a greater life expectancy than the current truck. Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, said this truck is a better truck. It should last longer. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

E. Motion approving the purchase of security equipment such as keys and cores for the new Public Works facility.

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Councilmember Clark asked how this qualifies under the Cares Act. Ms. Barton said staff confirmed with the Cass County Treasurer that this purchase would qualify. Councilmember Davidson said she didn't feel this purchase met the criteria for reimbursement. All present voted in favor except Councilmember Davidson who voted no. Motion carried.

G. Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, read Resolution R2020-32: A resolution of the City of Belton, Missouri approving an On-Call Professional Services Contract with Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers.

Presented by Councilmember Trutzel, seconded by Councilmember Clark. Councilmember Lathrop said he didn't see the maximum hourly rate listed. Ms. Barton said all task agreements would come back to the City Council for approval. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

ORDINANCES

Ms. Cunningham gave the final reading of Bill No. 2020-32: An ordinance authorizing the Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (NP Southview Industrial Building 3, LLC Project), Series 2020 related to an industrial development project in the City and authorizing the City to enter into certain agreements and take certain other actions.

Presented by Councilmember Trutzel, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 6 Mayor Davis, Councilmember Clark, Trutzel, VanWinkle, Lathrop, Peek

Noes: 1 Davidson

Absent: 2 Savage, Finn

Bill No. 2020-32 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2020-4581**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2020-35: An ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Belton, Missouri and Baker Tilly and authorizing the execution of the same.

Presented by Councilmember Lathrop, seconded by Councilmember Clark. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Davidson gave a Park report.

- Kids paint party at HBWC July 24
- Theatre in the Park August 14
- Baseball tournament this weekend at Markey Park
- Disc golf tournament at Cleveland Lake July 19

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Davis said he published a Facebook message today to encourage citizens to wear face masks. The Mayor asked James Person, Police Chief, to speak on this. Chief Person said Springfield, Missouri, passed a mandatory face mask ordinance yesterday. He spoke with their police chief and the chief in North Kansas City regarding enforcement. They said in most cases it's regulated by voluntary compliance and education. No one wants their officers writing a summons for what will be a very minor offense. It's all complaint driven; officers are not actively looking for offenders and giving them a ticket. Right now, Governor Parson and Cass County do not support a mandatory mask order. Beginning today, masks are required when entering city buildings. Councilmember Peek stated voluntary compliance is not working. Cass County numbers are increasing. Please consider mandating masks in Belton until at least July 31. Mayor Davis asked how this would be enforced. Chief Person said if Belton mandated this, we would be doing it on our own authority. It would be considered a minor offense and would be handled through the municipal court. Padraic Corcoran, Attorney, said if it were a business in violation, it would be handled through our code of ordinances and the City Clerk's office with a possible revocation of their business license. Councilmember Clark said our police department would be getting a lot of calls about potential violators. Chief Person said other municipalities have set up a dedicated voicemail line for people to report this.

Mayor Davis reminded everyone the Belton DMV is not a city office. He has received numerous calls about the DMV. Please contact them if you have questions or concerns.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

July/August City Council Meetings – 6:00 p.m.

July 21, 2020 – special meeting

July 28, 2020

August 11, 2020

August 25, 2020

Ms. Barton stated the utility billing window at city hall is closed for the next two weeks. Staff is still working and processing payments. Starting today, masks are required when entering a city building.

There will be a special meeting next week at 6 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Davidson said she's asking the City Council to make masks mandatory in Belton until August 11. The health department strongly recommends wearing one in public.

Councilmember Davidson made a motion to make public facial coverings and masks mandatory in the City of Belton to remain in effect through August 11, 2020. The exceptions would be the same as the Kansas City, Missouri, order. Mr. Corcoran stated it would be better direction to make a motion directing staff to prepare the necessary regulations and to bring it back to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Davidson amended her previous motion to direct the Mayor to issue an order in substantially similar form to Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas' 10th amended order 20-01, seconded by Councilmember Peek. Councilmembers Clark and Trutzel said they can't vote on something they haven't seen or know what it is. Councilmember Davidson withdrew her motion. Councilmember Davidson made a new motion directing staff to prepare the necessary legislation to implement a city-wide mandatory mask requirement. Councilmember Clark asked why it needed to be a motion; can't the Council just direct staff? Councilmember VanWinkle suggested Councilmember Davidson work with staff in the preparation of the ordinance. Councilmember Davidson withdrew her motion. Councilmember Davidson asked staff to prepare the necessary ordinance for the July 21, 2020, Council meeting.

Councilmember Peek asked if the Council would consider, at a future meeting, the possibility of changing the date to July 1 for when fireworks can begin to be shot off.

Being no further business, Councilmember Clark moved to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Councilmember Lathrop seconded. All present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Jeff Davis