

Minutes of the Belton City Council
March 9, 2021
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri

Mayor Davis called the work session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Dr. Andrew Underwood, Superintendent of the Belton School District, presented the bond issues for the school district that will be on the April 6, 2021 ballot.

Lt. John Baker, Deputy Director of Emergency Management, recognized Mike Conner for 54 years of service in Belton Emergency Management.

The Council discussed the Budget & Water Rates. Councilmember Clark would like to take a portion of the overhead allocation and put it toward infrastructure improvements so as not to do a rate increase this year. Councilmember Davidson said they are looking at no grade increase for the City Clerk position and taking the General Fund fund balance percentage from 16.17% to 15% by transferring dollars to the Water Fund for waterline replacement. They still desire to provide annual pay increases for all employees on their anniversaries (step increase). There is also a possibility of postponing the water rate increase until June 2021 so we can see how much the cash carry over will be. Councilmember Davidson said these ideas are a one-time thing, not long term.

Councilmember Lathrop suggested an alternative of having each department reimburse the Water Fund for water used, and that money would go toward waterline replacement. Brian Welborn, Park Director, and Jay Kennedy, Golf Course Manager, spoke on the increase in fees they would need to realize to reimburse the city for water use.

Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the work session at 6:57 p.m. and called the regular meeting to order.

Councilmember Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Staff present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Padraic Corcoran, Attorney; and Shelby Bigby, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Davidson asked the Council to please remove item F from the Consent Agenda to discuss under separate action.

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

- **approving the minutes of the February 23, 2021, City Council Meeting.**

- **approving the February 2021 Municipal Division Summary Report for Municipal Court.**
- **approving an annual contract between the Belton Police Department and Dice Communications for hardware maintenance of the phone system.**
- **approving an annual contract between the Belton Police Department and Kenton Brothers for a maintenance agreement for the building security system.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-14: A resolution reappointing Sarah Brooks, Jane Hull, and Caroline Allen and appointing Scott Lyons to serve on the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee.**

Councilmember Finn seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

F. Shelby Bigby, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, read Resolution R2021-15: **A resolution approving actions of the City Manager to engage Breit Construction, LLC for emergency stormwater repairs located at crossings on Apple Valley Parkway in Apple Valley subdivision and ratifying Task Agreement No. 2021-1 in the amount of \$245,000.00.** Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. Councilmember Davidson asked about the stormwater repairs. Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, said this is a piece of the bigger project. There will be task agreements coming. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

MOTIONS

Mayor Davis read a motion to revise the FY2022 Proposed Budget to change the salary grade for the City Clerk position from Grade 69 to Grade 54. Presented by Councilmember Savage, seconded by Councilmember Finn. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Davis read a motion to revise the FY2022 Proposed Budget to change the estimated end of fiscal year 2022 General Fund fund balance percentage from 16.17% to 15% by transferring dollars to the Water Fund for waterline replacement. Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Savage. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Davis read a motion to revise the FY2022 Proposed Budget to increase expenditures in each department to budget amounts necessary to reimburse the Water Fund for water used by each city department and appropriate those dollars for waterline replacement. No one presented this motion. Therefore, this motion failed.

REGULAR AGENDA

Ms. Bigby gave the final reading of Bill No. 2021-06, as amended: **An ordinance approving the reappropriation & revision of the City of Belton Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted City Budget for the purpose of returning a portion of funds transferred by the water fund to the general fund for reimbursement of administrative costs.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember VanWinkle. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Mayor Davis, Savage, Davidson, Trutzel, VanWinkle, Lathrop, Peek, Clark, Finn
 Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Bill No. 2021-06 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4611**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Bigby gave the final reading of Bill No. 2021-07: **An ordinance approving the reappropriation & revision of the City of Belton Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted City Budget for the purpose of appropriating storm water bond proceeds to replace water lines in conflict with the storm sewer for the Hargis Lake Storm Water Improvements Project.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Savage. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 5 Savage, Davidson, Finn, Lathrop, Clark

Noes: 4 Peek, VanWinkle, Trutzel, Mayor Davis

Absent: 0

Bill No. 2021-07 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4613**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Bigby read Bill No. 2021-08: **An ordinance amending Sections: 42-36, rates inside the City; 42-38, water rates for approved water districts or local governments; 42-39, rates for water consumed outside city; 42-296, sewer system user rates; of the Unified Development Code of the City of Belton, Missouri.**

Presented by Councilmember Savage, seconded by Councilmember VanWinkle. After discussion, Councilmember Clark made a motion to postpone the first reading of Bill 2021-08 until May 11, 2021, when we'll know the cash carry over amount. Councilmember VanWinkle seconded. Vote on the postponement was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Bigby read Bill No. 2021-11: **An ordinance approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 City Budget, as revised, and appropriating funds from the revenues of the City.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Finn. Padraic Corcoran, City Attorney, said this ordinance is different than the ordinance presented at the last meeting. It has been revised according to the motions made tonight. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Bigby read Bill No. 2021-12: **An ordinance approving the reappropriation & revision of the City of Belton Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted City Budget for the purpose of increasing the budget for the Public Works trucks purchase and decreasing the budget for the Inspections Department.**

Presented by Councilmember Trutzel, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. Mr. Rokos said public works has two cars. They need two trucks. Public works is giving the inspections department the cars and the money for new vehicles in the inspections department budget is being transferred to public works so they can buy trucks. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Bigby read Bill No. 2021-13: **An ordinance approving an amendment to the City's Zoning Map from R-1 Single Family Residential District to C-2 General Commercial District, for 1.90 acres of the parcel located on the South side of East North Avenue at Apple Valley Parkway, Belton, Cass County, Missouri.**

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

Ms. Bigby read Bill No. 2021-14: **An ordinance terminating the Belton Town Centre Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area, as created by the Belton Town Centre Tax Increment Financing Plan, and dissolving the Belton Town Centre Tax Increment Financing Special Allocation Fund.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed. **Councilmember Trutzel moved to hear the final reading.** Councilmember Clark seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilmember Lathrop, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Savage, Trutzel, Davidson, Peek, VanWinkle, Lathrop, Finn, Clark, Mayor Davis

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Bill No. 2021-14 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4612**, subject to Mayoral veto.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Davidson gave a Park report.

- The Park Department is hiring
- March 27 is the annual stream clean up
- March 27 is the Easter egg hunt
- There is a spring craft show coming

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The COVID numbers are coming down. Signups for the vaccine can be done through the county or federal websites.

The Mayor attended the Chamber of Commerce event today.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

March/April 2021 City Council Meetings – 6:00 p.m.

March 23, 2021

April 13, 2021

April 27, 2021

The City recently purchased the house at 615 NE Second St. This completes a block the City now owns for future development.

The police and fire collective bargaining agreements proposed by the Council have been agreed to and the contracts will be coming to the meeting March 23.

We'll be adding a special meeting on March 30, 2021.

Alexa Barton, City Manager, welcomed Scott Lyons, new police chief.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark shared concerns about Hillcrest Elementary School traffic at the end of the school day. Chief Person said they have complaints about traffic backing up at all the elementary schools. They have worked with the schools on this.

Being no further business, Councilmember Lathrop moved to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Councilmember Clark seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Shelby Bigby, Executive Assistant to the
City Manager

Mayor Jeff Davis