PUBLIC NOTICE FILING DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES FOR THE APRIL 2, 2024, MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI

Filing for seats on the Belton City Council for the annual City election, Tuesday, April 2, 2024, opens Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 8:00 A.M. and closes Tuesday, December 26, 2023, at 5:00 P.M. in accordance with Section 115.127.5, RSMo, as amended.

At said election there shall be elected:

- 1. One (1) member of the City Council of Ward 1 for the full term of three (3) years.
- 2. One (1) member of the City Council in Ward 1 for a term of one (1) year.
- 3. One (1) member of the City Council of Ward 2 for the full term of three (3) years.
- 4. One (1) member of the City Council of Ward 3 for the full term of three (3) years.
- 5. One (1) member of the City Council of Ward 4 for the full term of three (3) years.

Filing may be recorded with the City Clerk at Belton City Hall Annex, 520 Main Street, Belton, MO, during normal business hours from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday. There is a \$25.00 non-refundable filing fee (cash or check). City offices will be closed December 25, 2023, for the holiday.

Pursuant to Section 115.347 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri and the City of Belton Code of Ordinances, no candidate's name shall be printed on any official ballot unless his/her written, signed and sworn Declaration of Candidacy has been filed in the office of the City Clerk within the time allowed by law. Candidates will appear on the ballot in the order they have filed. If you are the first candidate to file for a given position, you will be the first candidate on the ballot for that position.

According to state election regulations no person shall be eligible to file as a candidate for municipal public office who has been found guilty of or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor under the federal laws of the United States of America or to a felony under the laws of this state or an offense committed in another state that would be considered a felony in this state. According to Section 9-80 of the City of Belton Code of Ordinances, no person shall be eligible to file as a candidate for municipal public office who is delinquent in the payment of any state income taxes, personal property taxes, municipal taxes, real property taxes on the place of residence as stated on the declaration of candidacy, or if the person is a past or present corporate officer of any fee office that owes any taxes to the state.

According to Section 3-2(b) of the City of Belton Charter – *Qualifications*, a City Council member shall have been a resident of the City for two (2) years next preceding election and a qualified voter and shall remain a resident of his/her ward and a qualified voter. A City Council member shall have been a resident of his/her respective ward for six (6) months next preceding election.

For more information contact Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, at <u>acunningham@belton.org</u> or 816.892.1250 or visit <u>www.belton.org</u>.