

Minutes of the Belton City Council
Special Electronic Meeting
<https://www.belton.org/watch>
April 21, 2020

Mayor Davis called the work session electronic meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Councilmember Finn said he's aware of several other non-profits that are interested in fireworks stands in the city limits of Belton. Right now, our code only allows for five permits (based upon population). With the projected 2020 census numbers, we will be adding a 6th permit next year. Councilmember Finn is proposing to add the 6th permit now. Councilmember Peek said she is not in favor of more fireworks stands in Belton. Councilmember Clark said he is in favor of adding the 6th permit now since we are close to the 24,000 projected census number. Fire Chief John Sapp said the Fire Marshal and the fire department need a definitive way to regulate the number of fireworks stands. Right now, our code says one permit for every 4,000 residents based on the last census. June 1 is the deadline for non-profits to turn in their fireworks permit applications. Councilmember Trutzel said we need to use official census numbers, not estimates. Councilmember Peek said we need to continue to follow our code and wait for the official census number to come out. Councilmember Finn asked for this item to be placed on the April 28, 2020 City Council agenda as a motion to allow a 6th fireworks permit based upon the unofficial census number of 2018 and the anticipated growth rate of 2010-2020. At this time, he's not asking to amend the code.

Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the work session at 6:19 p.m. and called the special electronic meeting to order.

Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- approving the minutes of the April 2, 2020, City Council Special Electronic Meeting.
- approving the February 2020 Municipal Division Summary Report for Municipal Court.
- approving a road closure from Herschel Street to Chestnut Street, down Main Street, for 2020 Cruisin' Main Street Car Cruises, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24, 2020 all beginning at 3:00 p.m.; and October 4, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., for a car show. Rainout dates are the next Saturday after the rained-out event.

- approving the budgeted purchase of street signposts and street ID signs from J&A Traffic Products for a total purchase price of \$15,862.50, for the Public Works Department, Transportation Division.
- approving Resolution R2020-15: **A resolution reappointing John Sapp and James Person and appointing Marsha Vest to serve on the Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee.**
- approving Resolution R2020-16: **A resolution approving a subscription agreement with Acid Remap to provide access to mobile application software access for the Fire Department.**

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

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Davidson gave a Park report. (attached exhibit A)

- The old gym equipment is currently up for auction through Mayo Auction.
- Live Facebook training videos and workout videos.
- The Easter egg hunt is postponed.
- Summerfest is on hold.
- Pools have been drained and acid washed. The slides have been sanded and recoated.
- Summer camp is still moving forward.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Finn moved to appoint Lorrie Peek as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Trutzel seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Peek moved to appoint Chet Trutzel as Planning Commission Liaison. Councilmember Lathrop seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Councilmember Clark moved to appoint Stephanie Davidson as Park Board Liaison. Councilmember Trutzel seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

There have been many questions about opening the city back up or extending the date. Alexa Barton, City Manager, and Police Chief James Person, have been in communication with the Cass County Health Director. There should be information released tomorrow afternoon about possible extension to May 3 to follow the Governor's state guideline.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

April/May 2020 meetings

4/28 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m. – will be a Zoom meeting

5/12 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

5/26 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

May 8, Truman Day, is a city holiday. City Hall will be closed.

At 6:31 p.m. Councilmember Finn moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Legal Actions, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.1; and to discuss matters pertaining to negotiated contracts, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.12, and that the record be closed, and the meeting adjourned from there. Councilmember Lathrop seconded. The following vote was recorded.

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

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

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

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Jeff Davis

Department Managers' Reports
April 20, 2020
Park Board of Director's Meeting

HIGH BLUE WELLNESS CENTER

- Updates on work at High Blue. Most equipment has been delivered-a few items still are stored until we get rid of the old equipment.
- Mayo Auction of the old equipment will end April 28.
- Painting and general building cleaning is being done.
- Live Facebook classes are being done every day and some evenings .
- Also trainers are doing zoom workouts for our training clients and small group, all in efforts of client retention when we reopen.

MARKETING

- **Special Events:** Easter Egg Hunt, Theater in the Park, and Hy-Vee SummerFest.
- **Grants:** All paperwork has been turned in for the LWCF grant. Should hear either way later this summer. It is a 50-50 cost share, but we would have up to three years to complete the work. We also researching other grant opportunities for the Foundation that would most likely not involve a cost share.
- **Rentals/Memorial Station:** All upcoming rentals through May have been contacted. Almost all pool parties, shelters and Senior Center rentals have requested refunds. To date only two Station rentals have canceled. The rest are holding out for new dates later in 2020. Tara is continuing to show the Station and has even collected deposits for late 2020 events. We also are getting information/contracts out for our Preferred Vendors.

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

- Drained and acid washed both Lap and Rec pools.
- Replaced light bulbs in both pool areas.
- Sanded and recoated slide runouts.
- Training of Athletic Field Supervisor.
- COVID-19 response.
- Mowing is underway.
- Starting concrete repair at entrance to High Blue.



RECREATION UPDATE

- **Volleyball**
 - 1 - Adult Volleyball is Canceled
 - 2 - Youth Volleyball is Canceled
 - 3 - Little Diggers Volleyball is Canceled

- **NFL Flag Football**
 - 1 - NFL Flag Football is Canceled

- **Soccer**
 - 1 - Soccer will be Canceled, have to meet with that group
 - 2 - Little Kickers Canceled

- **Youth Baseball**
 - 1 - Recreational Baseball push back to start practices the week of May 25th, and games will begin June 8th. An 8-game season, no tournament unless pushed back. If the season is pushed back again, we will condense the season.
 - 2 - Tiny Tots T-Ball will continue as scheduled (program begins May 30th).
 - 3 - Comp Baseball will run the same time as Recreational. Will ask the teams on playing into mid-July, and if they would be okay with a modified season

- **Swim Lessons**
 - All swim Lessons will be canceled

- **Summer Camp**
 - Currently working on curriculum. First day is currently set for Tues., May 26th, and registration is live on TeamSideline.com,