

Minutes of the Belton City Council
August 11, 2020
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri

Mayor Davis called the Public Hearing to order at 6:03 p.m.

A public hearing was held at 6:00 p.m., August 11, 2020, at Belton City Hall Annex, 520 Main Street, during which citizens were heard regarding property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Belton. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues required to support the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2020 and ending March 31, 2021. The rates are based upon the current assessed valuation figures as provided by the Cass County Assessor's Office. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue, as authorized by the Missouri Constitution, by the current assessed valuation. This value is multiplied times 100 resulting in a tax rate expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (applies to calendar year 2020):

(By Categories)

	Current Tax Year 2020	Prior Tax Year 2019
Real Estate	\$ 243,811,046	\$ 240,154,913
Personal Property	57,555,425	54,734,794
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 301,366,471 =====	\$ 294,889,707 =====

Tax Levy (applies to City's fiscal year):

	Property Tax Revenue FY2021 Budget	Proposed Tax Rate FY2021	Prior Year Tax Rate FY2020
General Fund	\$ 1,609,000	\$ 0.5116	\$ 0.4883
Parks & Recreation	643,000	0.2276	0.2173
Debt Service	3,903,000	1.3305	1.3305
Total	\$ 5,269,000 =====	\$ 2.0697 =====	\$ 2.0361 =====

NOTE: Assessed valuation figures are subject to change as determined by the Cass County Assessor. These changes, should they occur, may impact the tax rates as shown above.

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director and Assistant City Manager, said setting the tax levy is done each year in August. In November last year, the City received a new notice from Cass County that updated our values. We were not able to amend our tax levy because it was past the deadline. Ms. Ernzen called the State Auditor's office and they said it could be fixed this year to recoup the revenue lost. This is why it appears the tax levy went up this year; it's making up for last year.

Mayor Davis opened the public hearing for questions. Michelle Savage, 214 N Park Dr., said sales tax is too high and water bills are too high in Belton. We can't afford any more taxes. Jeff Kounter,

810 Givan Ave., asked if this tax rate is only for one year. Ms. Ernzen said yes, unless assessed value goes up or down. It's only set for one year at a time.

Being no further input the public hearing was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. and Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order.

Boy Scouts from Troop 160 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Councilmember absent: Lorrie Peek

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **approving the minutes of the July 28, 2020, City Council Meeting.**
- **approving the July 2020 Municipal Division Summary Report for Municipal Court.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-42: A resolution approving the purchase of a 2021 Ford F350 1-Ton, Regular Cab, 4x4 Pickup from Joe Machens Ford Lincoln in Columbia, Missouri in the amount of \$29,566.00 and approve the disposal/sale of the current truck #72 through the City of Belton auctioneer's service provider.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-43: A resolution approving the purchase of a 2021 Ford F350 1-Ton, Regular Cab, 4x4 Pickup with service body from Joe Machens Ford Lincoln in Columbia, Missouri in the amount of \$36,898.00 and approve the disposal/sale of the current truck #42 through the City of Belton auctioneer's service provider.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-44: A resolution approving Task Agreement No. 2020-1 with Pyramid Excavation and Construction, Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$136,755.00 under the On-Call Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Services Agreement to construct the Cherry Hill stormwater improvements project.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-45: A resolution approving Task Agreement No. 5 with Wilson and Company to survey the Northeast quadrant of the new roundabout at Mullen Road and Cambridge Road and to complete the final design of Mullen Road from South of Cambridge Road to South of North Cass Parkway and North Cass Parkway from Mullen Road to Peculiar Drive in the not-to-exceed amount of \$620,471.10.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-46: A resolution approving a contract for services for the Public Works Facility – Administration Building roof and repairs with Pyramid Roofing Company in the not-to-exceed amount of \$39,585.95.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-47: A resolution approving Task Agreement No. 2020-1 with Haren Contracting, LLC for the construction of office walls, a bathroom, and a**

staircase inside the Public Works Facility Vehicle Maintenance Building in the not-to-exceed amount of \$26,385.31.

- approving Resolution R2020-48: **A resolution approving the purchase of six sets of firefighting bunker gear in the amount of \$13,560.00.**
- approving Resolution R2020-49: **A resolution approving the purchase of one remounted Osage ambulance and needed replacement equipment in the amount of \$130,893.42.**

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Alan Myer and Tod Fagan with Spire presented our Public Works Department with the Silver Shovel Award. It is the inaugural year of the award for their partners in safety.

ORDINANCES

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, read Bill No. 2020-42: **An ordinance levying and fixing the Rate of Tax for Municipal purposes, for the Park Fund, and for the Debt Service Fund for Fiscal Year 2021.**

Presented by Councilmember Trutzel, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. Councilmember Davidson asked if receiving an amended notice in November is typical. Ms. Erzen said no. It was a County mistake and now we need to recoup the revenue lost. The increase seen tonight is an adjustment. Mayor Davis said other cities in Cass County also received an amended notice last year. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Davidson gave a Park report.

- Theatre in the Park, August 14 – Memorial Park
- Doggie Dip Day, September 12

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Congresswoman Vickie Hartzler called the Mayor today to congratulate the City on the Chewy development and adding so many jobs.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

August 25, 2020

September 8, 2020

September 22, 2020

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Clark asked about the status of finishing Bel-Ray. Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, said there are two different contractors. The concrete is finished; we're waiting for the asphalt company to come back to finish up.

At 6:32 p.m. Councilmember Lathrop moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to legal actions, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.1; to discuss matters pertaining to the leasing, purchase or sale of Real Estate, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.2; and to discuss matters pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of personnel, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.3, and that the record be closed, and the meeting adjourned from there. Councilmember Clark seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Ayes: 8 Mayor Davis, Savage, Davidson, Trutzel, VanWinkle, Lathrop, Finn, Clark

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Peek

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

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Jeff Davis