

Minutes of the Belton City Council
Electronic Meeting
<https://www.belton.org/watch>
May 12, 2020

Mayor Davis called the electronic meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 Lathrop asked the Council to remove item G from the Consent Agenda to discuss under separate action.

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

- **approving the minutes of the April 28, 2020, Electronic Work Session & Regular Meeting.**
- **approving the April 2020 Municipal Division Summary Report for Municipal Court.**
- **authorizing the purchase of a 72" Sweeper from K.C. Bobcat Company, for a purchase price of \$3,371.36, for the Transportation Department.**
- **authorizing the purchase of a 74" Rock Bucket from K.C. Bobcat Company, for a purchase price of \$1,236.52, for the Transportation Department.**
- **authorizing the purchase of an Asphalt Compactor from Nu Way Concrete Forms, Inc., for a purchase price of \$6,110.26, for the Transportation Department.**
- **authorizing the purchase of Arrow Boards from Nu Way Concrete Forms, Inc, for a purchase price of \$2,940.00, for the Transportation Department.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-21: A resolution approving support for the Cass County, Missouri application for the 2020 Build Grant to expand Interstate 49.**
- **approving Resolution R2020-22: A resolution authorizing and directing the custodian of records of the city of Belton, Missouri to destroy certain records that have exceeded the retention requirements as set forth by the State of Missouri.**

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

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, read Resolution R2020-20: **A resolution approving amendment No. 1 to Task Agreement No. 2018-5 with Trekk Design Group, LLC in the amount of \$35,117.15 for a total amount of \$77,447.88 to perform design and construction services for the Hargis Lake Sewer Design Project including a combination of pipe bursting and remove/replace sewer construction.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Finn. Councilmember Lathrop said this cost is for the design. What is the cost of the project? Alexa Barton, City Manager, said they don't know yet. There is more to this project than just the lake. It's a watershed area. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Dan Brower and Hannah Bitner, Cass County Public Library, presented information about Proposition L on the June 2 ballot. They are asking voters to authorize a tax increase for the library. It would be the first increase in 35 years. (attached exhibit A)

Councilmember Peek read a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day and Police Week. She thanked the police officers for being on the front line and keeping us safe. Police Chief James Person thanked the Mayor and City Council for recognizing the officers.

ORDINANCES

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2020-25: **An ordinance approving an agreement between the City of Belton, Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation and authorizing the execution of the same.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Finn. Councilmember Lathrop said the City is already doing all the things listed in this agreement without having a hold harmless agreement. Brian Welborn, Park Director, said yes we are, but with this Missouri Conservation Department agreement the Conservation Department will be stocking Cleveland Lake with trout. Councilmember VanWinkle pledged \$500 to the Park to assist with this project. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Davidson gave a Park report.

- Councilmember Davidson provided the Parks and Recreation outdoor facilities reopening schedule. (attached exhibit B)
- We're still waiting to hear about pools reopening.

Councilmember Trutzel read a proclamation for Public Works Week. He thanked Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, for doing a great job.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Davis said the National Day of Prayer was held at Belton Assembly of God Church.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

May/June 2020 meetings

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

6/09 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

6/23 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

MARC provides senior lunches at the Senior Center. Since the end of March, they have been providing frozen meal delivery every other week.

This past week there was storm damage at the golf course and dog park. Chief Person said there was damage in West Belton at the old emergency management location.

Mr. Rokos said the department is still working on paving roads.

The Public Safety Sales Tax Oversight Committee met May 7. They are preparing an annual oversight report. They will be meeting again May 21.

OTHER BUSINESS

Councilmember Clark said there are curbs around the city that need work.

Councilmember Clark asked Chief Person why the storm spotters were not out on Monday. Chief Person said it was a rainstorm. We don't send them out for a rain event. They go out for potential severe weather and tornados.

At 7:19 p.m. Councilmember Finn moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Legal Actions, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.1, and that the record be closed, and the meeting adjourned from there. Councilmember Trutzel seconded. The following vote was recorded.

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

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

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

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Jeff Davis

ABOUT PROPOSITION L

For over 70 years, Cass County Public Library has provided services to residents. As the county has grown in population, so has its reliance on its public library for resources and services for all ages. From storytime to outreach for seniors, the library continues to be a connecting point for the county. **On June 2**, we are asking voters to authorize a 12-cent increase in the property tax based operating levy—the first increase since 1985—to maintain and modernize technology and library resources.



THE NEED

The current level of funding, set in 1985, is no longer sufficient to sustain operations for 7 locations and a bookmobile. Demand in the county is great, as reflected by **over 900,000 visitors to the Library in 2018**. Levy funds supporting operations and services have only grown by 2% in the past decade, failing to keep pace with residents' rising needs.



A YES vote means:



Modernizing technology, including internet bandwidth upgrades, to best serve our patrons' needs.



Increasing lifelong learning opportunities for children, families, and patrons of all ages through more events & resources.



Expanding library collections and digital resources to meet the needs of Cass County communities; shorter wait times for popular items.



Creating inviting spaces at each branch and expanding our presence in growing communities while increasing outreach.



A NO vote means:

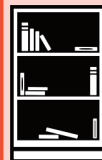


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Delaying technology updates, falling short of our communities' digital needs as hardware and software continue to age.



Decreasing learning opportunities and events, leaving us unable to fulfill community requests and service needs.



Acquiring fewer materials and resources, including books, movies, music, magazines, databases, and other research tools; longer wait times for popular items.



Minimized building maintenance, scaling back outreach services, and postponing expansion. Service hours may be reduced.

Your Library's Impact On...

Youth Literacy



3,804 families participated in summer reading, designed to maintain reading levels between school years.

26,874 children and teens attended engaging and educational events, including early literacy storytimes.

Access to Technology



Patrons used library computers **39,899** times (a 9% increase), and accessed our WiFi **15,542** times (a 26% increase).

Patrons used library resources **23,434** times to research topics, build skills, and apply for jobs.

Lifelong Learning



1,812 programs encouraged patrons to learn about new topics and activities.

993 seniors received tax help from AARP at the library.

Information from 2018 CCPL fiscal year.

In 2018, Cass County Public Library reported:

902,545 in-person and digital visitors to the library

AND

508,356 physical and digital items checked out

HOW WOULD THIS LEVY INCREASE AFFECT MY PROPERTY TAXES?

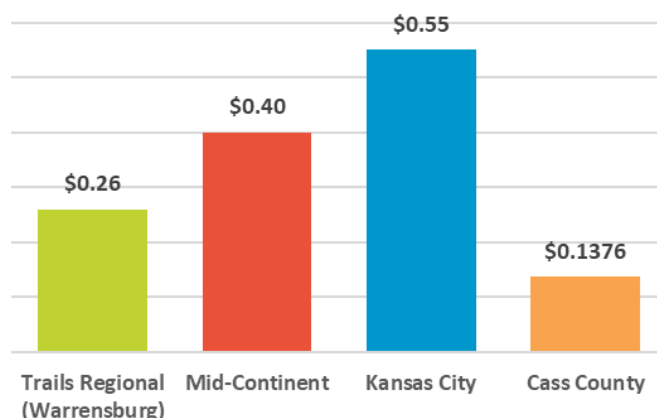
The 2018 median home value in Cass County was \$158,000.

HOME MARKET VALUE	ADDED YEARLY COST	ADDED MONTHLY COST
\$75,000	\$17.10	\$1.43
\$100,000	\$22.80	\$1.90
\$150,000	\$34.20	\$2.85
\$158,000	\$36.00	\$3.00
\$200,000	\$45.60	\$3.80

BALLOT LANGUAGE

For the purpose of improving print and digital collections, upgrading technology and connectivity, maintaining and increasing life-long learning programs for all ages, providing adequate facilities, and for the general operation of public libraries, shall the Board of Trustees of the Cass County Public Library District be authorized to levy an additional twelve cent (\$0.12) tax over the present property tax for the county library?

Cass County vs. Neighboring Libraries
Tax per \$100 of assessed valuation



May 12, 2020

Belton Parks and Recreation

Outdoor Facilities Reopening Schedule

May 4, 2020

Dog park

Shelter Houses

Skate Park

Tennis Courts

May 25, 2020

Markey Park Baseball/Softball Fields, available by reservation only

Memorial Park Baseball/Softball Fields, available by reservation only

June 1, 2020

Playgrounds

Outdoor Restroom Facilities

Memorial Station Rentals

Mini Building Rentals

Sand Volleyball Court

Basketball Court

Walking Trails, Open Space, Frisbee Golf Course, Cleveland Lake continue to be accessible. Belton Parks and Recreation requests that each park patron continue to recognize Social Distancing and proper hand washing techniques to help stop the spread the Covid 19 virus.