

**Minutes of the Belton City Council  
February 23, 2021  
City Hall Annex  
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri**

Mayor Davis called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

The City of Belton held a Public Hearing on the proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2022. There was no one in the audience to speak. Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the public hearing and called the work session to order at 6:01 p.m.

Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, presented the proposed Old Town Belton Chapter 353 Policy. This is an incentive allowed by Missouri to encourage redevelopment in blighted areas.

Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the work session at 6:54 p.m. and called the regular meeting to order.

Councilmember Lathrop 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 Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- **approving the minutes of the February 9, 2021, City Council Meeting.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-09: A resolution approving actions of the City Manager to engage Breit Construction, LLC for emergency stormwater repairs located in Apple Valley subdivision and ratifying Task Agreement No. 2020-8 in the amount of \$140,914.77.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-10: A resolution approving a contract for services for Fire Station 1 concrete replacement with Terry Snelling Construction, Inc., the low, best and responsive bid, in the amount of \$173,595.70.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-11: A resolution approving the engagement of Troutt, Beeman and Company to audit the city financial records for fiscal year 2021.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-12: A resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation refunding and improvement bonds for the benefit of the City of Belton, Missouri.**

- approving Resolution R2021-13: **A resolution appointing Lylette Utz and reappointing Alexa Barton to the Board of Directors of the Y Highway Market Place Community Improvement District.**

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, read Bill No. 2021-05: **An ordinance approving the proposed fiscal year 2022 city budget, as revised, and appropriating funds from the revenues of the City.**

Presented by Councilmember Peek, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. There was extensive discussion about the City Clerk pay grade increase as well as the public works fund and water rates. Councilmember Finn called for the question. Councilmember Trutzel seconded. Vote on the call for the question was recorded with Councilmembers Peek, Savage, VanWinkle, Clark, Finn, Trutzel, and Mayor Davis voting in favor and Councilmembers Lathrop and Davidson voting no. Motion passed. Vote on the first reading was recorded with Councilmembers Peek, Trutzel, VanWinkle, and Mayor Davis voting in favor and Councilmembers Lathrop, Clark, Davidson, Savage, and Finn voting no. Motion failed.

Mayor Davis asked if staff needed direction from the Council. The Council would like to see how the allocations are calculated, no water rate increase, more discussion on public works billing, and no increase in the City Clerk pay grade. Councilmember Lathrop suggested a work session to discuss these items. Sheila Erzen, Finance Director and Assistant City Manager, asked the Council to provide her a list of items so she can prepare the impact to the budget.

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2021-06: **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 Savage, seconded by Councilmember Clark. After discussion, Councilmember Davidson motioned to amend the budget to require these funds be spent on water infrastructure. Councilmember Clark seconded. Vote on the amendment was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Cunningham read the ordinance again, as amended. Vote on the first reading, as amended, was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Cunningham read 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. Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, presented the impact to the storm water projects. Vote on the first reading was recorded with Councilmembers Savage, Lathrop, Clark, Finn, and Davidson voting in favor and Councilmembers Trutzel, Peek, VanWinkle, and Mayor Davis voting no. First reading passed.

Ms. Cunningham 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 VanWinkle, seconded by Councilmember Peek. After discussion, Councilmember Savage made a motion to postpone the first reading until March 9, 2021. Councilmember Finn seconded. Vote on the postponement was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2021-09: **An ordinance authorizing the Police Department to purchase a video server in conjunction with a grant received from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to expand the City's current body worn and in-car camera system.**

Presented by Councilmember Peek, seconded by Councilmember Lathrop. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. **Councilmember Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilmember Savage 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 Clark. 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. 2021-09 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4609**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2021-10: **An ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to submit for grant applications to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) Division of Highway Safety for 2021-2022.**

Presented by Councilmember Lathrop, seconded by Councilmember Finn. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. **Councilmember Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilmember Peek seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Finn. 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. 2021-10 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4610**, subject to Mayoral veto.

## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Councilmember Davidson gave a Park report.

- HBWC in hiring
- Hiring summer camp staff
- April 17 – spring craft show at HBWC

## **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

COVID numbers are going down. Councilmember Peek shared a flier from the Department of Aging. Contact them for information on the COVID vaccine. 816.421.4980

Mayor Davis commended the public works department during this past week with the record cold. The fire department was able to practice their ice/cold water rescue.

## **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

At the Governor's State of the State address on January 27, Belton received an honorable mention for the growth in our area.

Alexa Barton, City Manager, commended the public works staff and the police department.

Ms. Barton asked the Council to please provide Ms. Ernzen with budget ideas by end of business on Monday, March 1. This will be discussed at a work session on March 9. We may need to move the March 9 meeting to 5:00 p.m.

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

March 9, 2021

March 23, 2021

April 13, 2021

April 27, 2021

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Councilmember Savage asked Padraic about the Council Executive Session minutes and the Council seeing and signing those minutes. Councilmember Savage said he appreciates all the City staff.

At 9:06 p.m. Councilmember Clark 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 negotiated contracts, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.12, and that the record be closed, and the meeting adjourned from there.

Councilmember Savage seconded. The following vote was recorded:

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

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Lathrop (stepped out of the meeting)

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

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Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

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Mayor Jeff Davis