

**Minutes of the Belton City Council
October 12, 2021
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri**

Mayor Larkey called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, provided a status update on the street reconstruction project. There will be an ordinance coming to the Council to put a no-tax-increase bond issuance on the April 2022 ballot for additional street repairs.

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, provided an update on changes to the election statute pursuant to House Bill 271. There will be an ordinance coming to the Council to amend the Code of Ordinances and an ordinance coming to call the April 2022 election for expiring Councilmember seats.

Mr. Rokos provided information on the Mills Subdivision plat for the Belton-Cass Regional TDD Mullen Road Project. This item is time sensitive and on the agenda for first reading tonight.

Scott Lyons, Police Chief, provided information on the updates to the Emergency Operations Plan. There will be a resolution coming to the Council to accept this.

Ms. Cunningham provided an update on changes to the liquor statute pursuant to Senate Bill 126. There will be an ordinance coming to the Council to amend the Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Rokos provided information on the Northwest Belton Comprehensive Plan. It is undeveloped land and there have been inquiries about it. A planning study will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Each department director provided an overview of how their department is meeting the City Council's goals and strategic vision plan priorities. Councilmember Clark asked for an upcoming work session on the process of permitting.

Padraic Corcoran, Attorney, provided information from the 2020 Census numbers. Based upon Belton's census numbers, redistricting will be required. It was recommended to redistrict prior to the filing date opening for the April 2022 election (December 7, 2021). There will be an ordinance before the Council in November. Mayor Larkey and one councilmember from each ward will meet to discuss these options.

Being no further business, Mayor Larkey adjourned the work session at 7:21 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Gough led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Larkey, Tim Savage, Rob Powell, Chet Trutzel, Dave Clark, Perry Gough, Angela Kraft, Lorrie Peek, Allyson Lawson

Staff present: Sheila Ernzen, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director; Padraic Corcoran, Attorney; Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk; Police Chief Scott Lyons; Fire Chief John Sapp; Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director; Jay Kennedy, Golf Director; Brian Welborn, Park Director

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Jan Zimmerman, Raymore Police Chief, presented SAFE, the Surviving Spouse and Family Endowment.

Mayor Larkey read a proclamation for Buckle Up, Phone Down.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **approving the minutes of the September 21, 2021 City Council Meeting.**
- **authorizing the sale of surplus city inventory/personal property by Mayo Auction & Realty.**
- **approving the September 2021 Municipal Division Summary Report for Municipal Court.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-59: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri amending Chapter 2, Division 4 – Personnel Code, Section 2-558(A) – legal holidays of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Belton, Missouri.**

Presented by Councilmember Trutzel, seconded by Councilmember Kraft. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor except for Councilmembers Savage, Clark, and Gough who voted no. First reading passed.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-60: **An ordinance approving a Final Plat for Mills Subdivision; a tract of land in the Southwest Quarter of Section 18, Township 46 North, Range 32 West, in the City of Belton, Cass County, Missouri, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the plat for recording with the Cass County Recorder's Office.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed. **Councilmember Clark moved to hear the final reading.** Councilmember Lawson seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilmember Trutzel, seconded by Councilmember Clark. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Peek, Lawson, Savage, Trutzel, Powell, Clark, Gough, Kraft, Mayor Larkey

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Bill No. 2021-60 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4661**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-61: **An ordinance approving a Special Use Permit to allow an electronic message center on an existing billboard sign, located at 16241 South Outer Road, Belton, Cass County, Missouri.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Savage. The Planning Commission approved this on September 20, 2021. Chad Hager with Link Media Outdoor was present to speak. This will add a fuel box to the billboard. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed. **Councilmember Clark 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 Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Mayor Larkey, Trutzel, Kraft, Savage, Powell, Clark, Gough, Lawson, Peek

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Bill No. 2021-61 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4662**, subject to Mayoral veto.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Lawson provided a Park report

- The car show last week had 130 cars
- October 30 is Pumpkin Palooza at Memorial Park, 6-8 p.m.
- November 20 is the holiday craft fair
- The Park Board rehired Brian Welborn as the Park Director

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Larkey stated he'd like to have items come to a work session prior to the item being placed on the agenda.

The Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting is moving back to Main Street. It will be November 27.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

October/November 2021 City Council Meetings – 6:00 p.m.

October 26, 2021

November 9, 2021

November 30, 2021 (moved from November 23, 2021)

Sheila Ernzen, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, said Ms. Cunningham received her CMC certification through IIMC, International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Mr. Rokos said Belton's Public Works department was reaccredited by APWA.

Jay Kennedy, Golf Director, said Eagles Landing hosted a district golf championship for Belton High School. There were 11 teams and two of the Belton players qualified for the state championship.

John Sapp, Fire Chief, said they will be picking up their refurbished ambulance tomorrow.

Ms. Ernzen said the Police Station water line project will take place on Friday, October 15.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilmembers Clark and Gough thanked the Police and Fire Chiefs for attending a citizen crime watch meeting.

At 7:52 p.m. Councilmember Clark moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the leasing, purchase, or sale of Real Estate, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.2; to discuss matters pertaining to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of personnel, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.3; 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 Trutzel seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Peek, Trutzel, Kraft, Savage, Powell, Gough, Clark, Lawson, Mayor Larkey

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

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

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Norman K Larkey, Sr