

Minutes of the Belton City Council
October 26, 2021
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri

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

Mike Groszek, Troutt, Beeman & Co. P.C., presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for year ended March 31, 2021.

Laura Ellis, Belton Court Administrator, provided a review of the monthly court summary that is approved by the Council.

Sheila Ernzen, Acting City Manager and Finance Director, said the engagement letter for Baker Tilly US, LLP to provide executive recruitment for the City Manager position is on tonight's agenda.

John Sapp, Fire Chief, presented the City's recreational burning and open burning regulations.

Scott Lyons, Police Chief, presented an overview of ATVs / golf carts / recreational off-highway vehicles. The Council consensus was to move forward with allowing golf carts and recreational off-highway vehicles in Belton.

Dave Clements, Director of Planning and Building, provided a report of UDC amendments approved by the Planning Commission on September 20, 2021. This item will be coming to the November 9, 2021 Council meeting.

Greg Rokos, Public Works Director, provided an update on the Route 58 & Powell Multimodal Traffic Relief Project Design. The project will last through 2023.

Mr. Rokos reviewed with the Council the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) money allowable uses. There are only two allowable uses that work for Belton – premium pay for essential workers and water/sewer work. The Council consensus was to move forward with these allowable costs. Ms. Ernzen will bring a budget amendment to the November 9, 2021 Council meeting.

Mr. Rokos said there is an item on tonight's agenda for a Wastewater Treatment Plant aerator replacement. This is a critical item to the treatment plant and is within budget.

Mr. Rokos provided an update on the Bradford Place traffic study. They found a 3-way stop sign needed to be removed. The general speed through the subdivision was 25 mph.

Ms. Ernzen said three rental management companies responded to staff's request to manage the house on 2nd Street until the Council decides on future development of the area. The Council consensus was to rent out the house and hire a management company.

Chief Sapp said Belton did not receive the SAFER grant. The Fire Department is still in need of three additional firefighter positions. Ms. Ernzen said funding for this will come from the public safety sales tax dollars. This item is on tonight's agenda.

Being no further business, Mayor Larkey adjourned the work session at 7:47 p.m. and called the meeting to order.

Councilmember Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Larkey, Tim Savage, Rob Powell, Chet Trutzel, Dave Clark, Perry Gough, Lorrie Peek, Allyson Lawson (via videoconference)

Councilmember absent: Angela Kraft

Staff present: Sheila Ernzen, Acting 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; Dave Clements, Director of Planning and Building; Greg Rokos, Public Works Director; Stephanie Harris, Assistant Finance Director

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Chris Richardson with Downtown Belton Main Street, Inc., 325 Main St, said DBMS voted to do a Christmas light show on Main Street. They are requesting the street be closed from Herschel Street to Chestnut Street, including the intersections of Ella Street and Walnut Street, for the Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas on Main; November 27, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. – midnight; December 3-4; 10-11; 17-18, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. – midnight; and January 7-8, 2022 from 5:00 p.m. – midnight. It was decided the street closure would begin at 6 p.m. and not 5 p.m. on the dates in December and January. There was a discussion about parking. Stephanie Davidson, 119 Mill St, was present to represent Belton Community Projects, Inc (BCPI). BCPI's tenant at old city hall is Main Street Theater. BCPI, DBMS, and city staff have spoken regarding accommodating parking for the Theater productions.

A motion approving the street closure requested by Downtown Belton Main Street, Inc., for the dates and times listed in the application and presented to the City Council on October 26, 2021, subject to Belton Main Street, Inc., and Belton Community Projects, Inc., coordinating the supervision, access, cordoning off, management, security, and safety of certain parking facilities owned by the City of Belton that may be utilized by Belton Main Street, Inc. and Belton Community Projects, Inc. during the relevant time period.

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Diane Huckshorn, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, 517 Main St, asked if this motion and decision was only for Christmas on Main. Padraic Corcoran, Attorney, said yes, only for this event. All present voted in favor except Councilmember Powell who abstained. Motion carried.

Josh Lansdale and Steven Smith with KC Holiday Light Pros, 300 SW Newport Dr, Blue Springs, MO, said DBMS has hired them to light up Main St. They will be plugging into city-owned properties.

A motion allowing KC Holiday Light Pros to plug into the City streets.

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. All present voted in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **approving the minutes of the October 12, 2021 City Council Meeting.**
- **approving the Fire Department to add three additional Firefighter positions for FY2022.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-77: A resolution accepting the amended emergency operations plan.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-78: A resolution approving Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with HDR Engineering, Inc. to perform additional design services for the Route 58 and Powell Road Multimodal Traffic Relief Project in the amount of \$61,344.00 increasing the amount of the design project to \$477,651.00.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-79: A resolution approving Task Agreement 2021-20 with JCI Industries, Inc. for Aerator No. 3 replacement needs at the Wastewater Treatment Facility in the not-to-exceed amount of \$69,710.00.**
- **approving Resolution R2021-80: A resolution approving Task Agreement No. 15 with Wilson & Company to prepare a City of Belton Northwest Area Plan in the not-to-exceed amount of \$99,966.00.**

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, gave the final 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 Powell. Councilmember Gough clarified his vote from last meeting. He didn't feel like the City needed to add another holiday. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 5 Peek, Lawson, Trutzel, Powell, Mayor Larkey

Noes: 3 Gough, Savage, Clark

Absent: 1 Kraft

Bill No. 2021-59 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4663**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-62: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri, amending Section 9-78, Time for Filing Declaration of Candidacy, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Belton, Missouri to conform with changes set out in House Bill 271.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Gough. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed. **Councilmember Clark moved to hear the final reading.** Councilmember Trutzel seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all present 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: 8 Mayor Larkey, Lawson, Trutzel, Savage, Powell, Clark, Gough, Peek

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Kraft

Bill No. 2021-62 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4664**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-63: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri, calling for and establishing the date of the General City Election for Municipal Officers to be held on April 5, 2022.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present 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 present voting in favor. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Savage. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 8 Savage, Powell, Peek, Trutzel, Lawson, Clark, Gough, Mayor Larkey

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Kraft

Bill No. 2021-63 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4665**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-64: **An ordinance calling an election in the City of Belton, Missouri to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds for streets and roads.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-65: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri, amending Chapter 3, Intoxicating Liquor, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Belton, Missouri to conform with changes set out in Senate Bill 126.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-66: **An ordinance authorizing an agreement with Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Trutzel. Ms. Ernzen explained this is for utility payment assistance for low-income households. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Cunningham gave the first reading of Bill No. 2021-67: **An ordinance authorizing an Access Agreement with the Port Authority of Kansas City, Missouri (Port KC).**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Gough. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present 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 present voting in favor. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Savage. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 8 Lawson, Savage, Powell, Trutzel, Peek, Clark, Gough, Mayor Larkey

Noes: 0

Absent: 1 Kraft

Bill No. 2021-67 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2021-4666**, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham read Resolution R2021-81: **A resolution approving the engagement of Baker Tilly US, LLP to conduct an executive search for City Manager.**

Presented by Councilmember Clark, seconded by Councilmember Gough. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilmember Lawson provided a Park report

- October 30 is Pumpkin Palooza/Trunk or Treat at Memorial Park, 6-8 p.m.
- High Blue Wellness Center has gone through a rebranding – it will now be known as High Blue to better recognize their offerings and has a new logo

Councilmember Powell provided a Planning Commission report for the October 18, 2021 meeting

- Approved Traditions 6th plat
- Approved Bronson Manor plat

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming Mayor's Christmas Tree lighting and Main Street Christmas event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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

November 9, 2021

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

December 14, 2021

December 28, 2021

Ms. Ernzen said the City-issued Council laptops are ready to be upgraded. Councilmembers Peek and Powell and Mayor Larkey said they use theirs.

It was noted the November 23 Council meeting was moved to November 30.

Ms. Ernzen said the City did not receive the recycling grant. This item will be brought back later to discuss curbside recycling.

Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, invited the Council to hand out candy at the Trunk or Treat.

Ms. Yatsook said the Mayor's State of the City lunch is in two weeks at Memorial Station. 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Clements said there were minor changes made by the Meadow Creek developer – to remove the pool and add a dog park, playground, and sport court. After speaking with the Mayor and Ms. Erzen, he approved those changes.

Chief Lyons said the police department desires a new chapter for the department in appearance and philosophy. They have a new mission statement and motto. There will be new uniforms, a new patch, and a new badge.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Gough said what BCPI is doing is nice. He hopes parking can be worked out.

Councilmember Powell said thank you to Code Enforcement. The brush is gone off Mullen and the trees are cut back. Givan has also been cut back.

ADJOURN

Being no further business, Councilmember Gough moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Councilmember Clark seconded. All present voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Norman K Larkey, Sr