

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jeff Davis, Councilmen Jeff Fletcher, Bob Newell, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, Dean VanWinkle, and Scott Von Behren; Absent: Councilmen Al Hoag and Gary Lathrop. Also present were: Ron Trivitt, City Manager; Aaron March, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk. Mayor Davis noted that both Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop were ill.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Von Behren moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a **motion approving the minutes of the June 6, 2015, City Council regular meeting and a motion approving the May 2015 Police Judge's Report.** Councilman Fletcher seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop absent. Consent agenda approved.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

Fire Chief Norman Larkey Sr. recognized Firefighter/Paramedic Chris Godinez as 2014 Firefighter of the Year. He thanked him for his service. Mayor Davis then read a proclamation recognizing Firefighter Godinez for his accomplishments. Mayor Davis said it is a pleasure to give this award and he is proud of what public servants do.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Behren presented an award to the city from MARC to Jay Leipzig for solar ready initiative. Mayor Davis noted that we are one of 26 cities that received this award. He is proud that we are going in the right direction.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the *final* reading of Bill No. 2015-39: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AUTUMN WOODS, A MULTI-UNIT TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT, ON A 9.81-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF MARKEY ROAD, DIRECTLY NORTH OF BELTON, AVENUE, CITY OF BELTON, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT.** Aaron March, City Attorney noted a few minor changes. **Councilman Von Behren moved to amend the final reading.** Councilman Newell seconded. All present voted in favor of the amendment. Councilman Von Behren moved to hear the final reading, as amended, seconded by Councilman Fletcher. Vote on the final reading, as amended, was then recorded; Ayes: 7, Councilmen Trutzel, Von Behren, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Fletcher, Newell, VanWinkle, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop. Bill No. 2015-39 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2015-4106, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the *final* reading of Bill No. 2015-44: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH CARTEGRAPH TO PROVIDE FIFTEEN (15) ADVANCED USER LICENSES AND ABILITY TO TRACK BRIDGES, WATER METERS, AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO THE CITY OF BELTON WITH A ONE-TIME COST OF \$6,100 FOR THESE ASSETS TO BE ADDED TO THE SYSTEM AND BEGINNING JUNE OF 2016 THE ANNUAL FEE WILL BE \$21,375.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Von Behren. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 7, Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Von Behren, Fletcher, VanWinkle, and Newell; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop. Bill No. 2015-44 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2015-4107, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2015-45: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT WITH MIDLAND GIS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO ARCGIS FOR SERVER TO SYNC WITH CARTEGRAPH DATA WITH A ONE-TIME SETUP FEE OF \$2,500 PLUS AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$1,800.** Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 7, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Savage, Newell, Von Behren, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop. Bill No. 2015-45 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2015-4108, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2015-46: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY'S SECTION 125 TAX SAVINGS PLAN WITH BASIC.** Presented by Councilman Von Behren, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded; Councilmen Newell, Von Behren, Savage, Fletcher, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel, and Van Winkle; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop. **Councilman Von Behren moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Savage seconded. All present voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 7, Councilmen Newell, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Von Behren, Fletcher, VanWinkle, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Savage. Bill No. 2015-46 was declared and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2015-4109, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2015-47: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH OLSSON ASSOCIATES FOR SITE DILIGENCE AND MASTER PLANNING OF MARKEY BUSINESS PARK.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Newell. Jay Leipzig, Community and Economic Development Director, gave a quick overview of the contract, noting that Olsson Associates has an expert on their team, Courtney Dunbar, in site assessment. He said the key component is the concept drawings for the Markey Business Park. What would take staff 3-4 years to accomplish, they will do quickly. Staff applied for a cost share grant with KCP&L Local Partners Program and it was approved by KCP&L. The scope and services of the contract is for \$31,800; KCP&L has committed to \$15,000. The city is responsible for \$16,800, which is in the FY16 budget. Mr. Leipzig and Mayor Davis stressed the importance of site readiness. He also said the #1 job in economic development has got to be jobs. Peculiar has all of their properties site-ready – they are a step ahead of the game. There was discussion. Aaron March, City Attorney, suggested a motion to authorize the city attorney to make minor revisions to the agreement, specifically – a reference that the city's responsibility is \$16,800 and will not pay any more than that; and that Missouri law will apply, not Nebraska law. Vote on the first reading was recorded; Ayes:7, Councilmen Newell, Von Behren, Savage, Fletcher, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel and Van Winkle; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop. **Councilman Von Behren**

moved to hear the final reading. Councilman Fletcher seconded. All present voted in favor except Councilman Savage voting no. **Councilman Von Behren moved to amend the agreement Section 7.10 to change Nebraska to Missouri and that the budget should reflect cost sharing with KCP&L so if the agreement fell apart the only cost to the city would be \$16,800 paid to Olsson Associates.** Seconded by Councilman Fletcher. Councilman Savage said he likes to see this things cleared up before we vote on them, Councilman VanWinkle agreed. Vote on the amendment was recorded with all voting in favor. Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop absent. Vote on the final reading, as amended, was recorded; Ayes: 5, Councilmen Newell, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Von Behren, and Fletcher; Noes: 2, Councilmen Savage and Van Winkle; Absent: 2, Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop. Given that both readings were at the same meeting and that requires 6 affirmative votes, the City Attorney suggest someone on the prevailing side move that the second reading be placed on the next agenda for reconsideration. **Councilman Savage moved to place the final reading of Bill No. 2015-47 on the next agenda (7-14-15) for reconsideration.** Councilman Van Winkle seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2015-30: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 TO THE INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES CONTRACT.** Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Von Behren. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilmen Hoag and Lathrop absent. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Trutzel shared that the city has begun the process of replacing curbs and sidewalks. We have a cost share program and we are tearing out dilapidated curbing and sidewalk. The cost savings to the homeowner is substantial. He feels this program needs to be advertised again. Jeff Fisher, Public Works Director, said the program has been incredibly successful.

Councilman Fletcher, Park Board Liaison, reported on a couple of Park events. The Color Foam 5K is this Saturday and it is expected to have over 200 people participating. Also, free concerts in the park start this Friday at 8:00 P.M. The next concert will be July 24.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Davis said Community Days went well. There was a good turn out and congrats to all.

The Civic Leadership Awards Banquet will be July 16 in Blue Springs. If you plan to attend, contact the City Clerk by July 10. Ms. Ledford said this year's recipient is Clara Pruitt for her numerous contributions to the Belton Welfare Association, Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting, Operation Santa, school backpack program, and more.

Mayor Davis said it is Councilman Fletcher birthday today.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jay Leipzig reported on the street painting project with school. The school has requested to permanently paint the school pirate mascot on Chestnut, Walnut, and Ella Streets. Downtown Belton Inc. is fine with it. In the past it was just done during homecoming week. The school will pick up the maintenance of that. The pirate is approximately 13'x14' wide. If the Council is okay with that they would like to move forward with it. There was no opposition.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, gave a May 2015 budget report. She gave a quick overview of May; stating we're two months into the fiscal year. We have a positive look at where we are with revenues and anticipated where we would be at this time. Inmate care is bringing in more revenue. The fire grant payment anticipated in the prior fiscal year will stay at \$66,000 surplus this fiscal year. Electric utilities and TIF administration is up, but sales tax is less than anticipated for May. June looks like it will come in great. Court fines and court costs are down from what was anticipated. It appears tickets are down from where they were and telephone and gas utility is down. Cash carryover is positive at \$255,000. There are always opportunities and risk with the expenditure accounts. Brad Foster, Assistant City Manager, had reported about the work comp insurance and right now the premium is \$250,000 more than anticipated city wide. It is always good to have wiggle room and risks outweigh the opportunities. We are also tracking the golf course carefully. We don't think it's a big deal right now, but we are a little bit down on revenues due to the rainy weather.

Mayor Davis asked for the City Manager to find out why court costs are down and report back at the next work session.

Mayor Davis asked about the TIFs (Tax Increment Financing) and asked if Academy Sports is doing okay. Ms. Ernzen said yes.

Councilman Trutzel wondered if the new speed limits along 58 Highway might be having an impact on the lower ticket revenue.

Mayor Davis said we need to be thinking about next year's budget and make suggestions as we are going into the next budget year.

Being no further business, Councilman Von Behren moved to adjourn at 7:40 P.M. Councilman Fletcher seconded. All voted in favor. Councilman Hoag and Lathrop absent. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor