

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2016
CITY HALL ANNEX
520 MAIN STREET, BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman Trutzel led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Jeff Davis, Mayor, Councilmembers Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Bob Newell, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, Dean VanWinkle, and Scott Von Behren; Absent: Councilman Al Hoag. Also present were Ron Trivitt, City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk. Mayor Davis said Councilman Hoag has been sick and hospitalized and asked that he be remembered in your prayers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Lathrop moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion approving the minutes of the January 12, 2016, City Council regular meeting; and a motion approving Resolution R2016-04: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELTON, MISSOURI TO APPOINT ALICE MONTGOMERY AND MELONIE WHITE TO SERVE ON THE BELTON TREE BOARD. Councilman Savage seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilman Hoag absent. Consent agenda approved.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-01: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TERRY SNELLING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2015 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT / CONCRETE REPLACEMENT IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$150,000.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Trutzel, Von Behren, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, Newell, VanWinkle, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Hoag. Bill No. 2016-01 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4171, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-03: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2016 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT RELATING TO THE REGIONAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Von Behren, Fletcher, VanWinkle, and Newell; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Hoag. Bill No. 2016-03 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4172, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-04: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S ZONING MAP, FROM M-1 (LIGHT MANUFACTURING) TO C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL), FOR A 2.94-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, DESCRIBED AS DEAN-CO DEVELOPMENT PARK, BLOCK 4, TRACT II-A, IN THE CITY OF BELTON, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Savage, Newell, Von Behren, Fletcher, Lathrop, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Hoag. Bill No. 2016-04 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4173, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-05: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF HIGHLANDS, LOT 1, A 2.94-ACRE TRACT OF LAND, DESCRIBED AS DEAN-CO DEVELOPMENT PARK, BLOCK 4, TRACT II-A, IN THE CITY OF BELTON, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI.** Presented by Councilman Von Behren, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilman Lathrop, Newell, Von Behren, Savage, Fletcher, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Hoag. Bill No. 2016-05 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4174, subject to Mayoral veto.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Fletcher, Park Board Liaison, gave an update on the parks.

- New youth healthy eating cooking club free program for kids to learn healthy eating
- One month trial membership one time only purchase if start membership after 30 days
- Couples yoga retreat \$20.00
- Fit crawl \$15.00 per person
- Farmers Market looking at things to increase participation
- Station hosting events
- Recreation spring sports sign-ups are underway for soccer, volleyball, and baseball
- Reviewed the Park budget balances and said Perry Gough, Park Board President, will make a presentation at the Council work session next Tuesday

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

- Belton Emergency Management annual dinner is this Friday at Memorial Station
- West Gate Missouri Municipal League dinner is Thursday

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Jay Leipzig, Community and Economic Development Director, announced the City will host the Belton Chamber of Commerce First Friday Coffee on February 5 starting at 7:30 A.M. at City Hall Annex
- Jeff Fisher, Public Works Director, reported on the 155th Street project stating it is really coming together - we are partnering with Grandview. It will start this summer and go into next summer. It is a Missouri Department of Transportation project and the City of Kansas City is proposing in their budget to improve their side of 155th Street to Kensington.

Councilman Trutzel said a lot of Raymore citizens use 155th Street so it will push a lot of traffic on to 58 Highway when that project begins.

Mr. Fisher also reported that the Mullen culvert replacement project will begin soon we will have message boards starting on February 4 informing citizens it will be closing on February 11. We will try to keep the project less than 30 days, but it could take up to 45 days.

Mr. Fisher said the Transportation Development District chose to spend as much \$100,000 to overlay chip and seal from Cambridge to 187th street. Councilman Lathrop asked who will be doing the chip and seal. Mr. Fisher said the Road District and they will also maintain it.

Mr. Trivitt distributed the budget books to the Council and said budget work sessions need to be scheduled. The Council consensus was to have budget work sessions before each council meeting at 6:30 P.M., starting next week. Mr. Trivitt said the budget public hearing will be on February 23. Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, reviewed the budget documentation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Review of December 2015 Financial Report – Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, gave a brief overview. She said sales tax is coming in over budget. Biggest reason for overage is we are a head where we anticipated sales tax would be, and ambulance revenue is at \$701,000. A lot could change as we still have three months left of this fiscal year. We're anticipating the fund balance to end at 22%. At the end of December it was at 21%. January got up even more because it will have the bulk of property tax that month and it will decline in February and March. We are projecting 22%. We are about 5.1% more in revenues then we had this same time last year.

Councilman Fletcher asked about the franchise fees. Ms. Ernzen said we did adjust the franchise taxes but they varied more than anticipated. At the Government Finance Officers Association meeting there was discussion about the wireless franchise tax. Data packages are not included in franchise fees; only actual call plans get franchise tax on them.

Councilman Lathrop asked why they property tax is in red. Ms. Ernzen said less people paid at this point in December but we still have the month of January.

Megan McGuire, City Attorney, said she has been working with Jeff Fisher, Public Works Director, and his staff and engineers on streamlining and improving our public contract review process. She has made a couple of changes and has instituted this certificate of owner's attorney. We have streamlined the contracts and beefed up the language and also changed how we do the surety bond. We're no longer having the surety company signature on the contract but she is doing the contract and bond review. She said she will verify we have all the necessary certifications on the bonds and verify the amounts on the bond, signatory and language. We have instituted those procedures over the last couple of months and starting in January we switched over how we do the surety bond processing. She will not sign off until contracts are totally complete and come through her office for processing. We have spent a lot of time shoring that up and educating everyone one the proper procedures.

Council Lathrop asked whether we received the final contact with Grand Hill. Ms. McGuire said no, we are still working on the cooperative agreement. They still don't have their filing complete with the Secretary of State. She said she is doing some rewrite with some of the Council recommendations, so it is still in the works.

Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn at 7:29 P.M. Councilman Von Behren seconded. All voted in favor. Councilman Hoag absent. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor