

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2016
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

Mayor Pro Tem Scott Von Behren called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Councilman Jeff Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor ProTem Scott Von Behren, Councilmen Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Al Hoag, Bob Newell, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, Dean VanWinkle. Absent: Mayor Jeff Davis absent. Also present: Ron Trivitt, City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Hoag moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a **motion approving the minutes of the March 1, 2016, City Council special meeting and the March 8, 2016, City Council regular meeting; a motion approving the February 2016 Municipal Police Judge's Report; a motion approving Resolution R2016-13: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF BELTON, MISSOURI TO APPOINT JASON HARRISON TO THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMISSION; and a motion approving the renewal of a maintenance agreement and software update for the Livescan computerized fingerprint system for the Police Department.** Councilman Trutzel seconded. All present voted in favor. Mayor Davis absent. Consent agenda approved.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

Blaine Elliott, 130 Apple Blossom Court, Belton, Missouri, addressed the Council with concerns over the chip and seal roads. He said there is a billboard for Belton that reads "Small town feel with big city amenities". That is what we all want but before we can get to the amenities we have to provide the basics. Basic amenities – core government functions. For 40 years he has called Belton home and during that time the City has done a good job maintaining its streets and roads. Unfortunately, in all that time I can never recall a city subdivision street being chip and sealed in the city. In October of 2015 he was in sudden shock of the City's decision to chip and seal the roads in his neighborhood. It dramatically increased the road noise, which is not good if you are trying to enjoy the peace and quiet of your home. He has had gravel bouncing off his car. We don't pay good tax dollars to have country roads. He did some research on the positive and negatives of chip and seal. Negative – increased road noise, increase tire wear, broken chip glass and paint on cars. He played a recording of the sound of him driving which he recorded 3 months after the chip and seal was placed on the road. Now it is not comfortable to walk on or take the dog for a walk. The aggregate goes everywhere. His driveway had no pitting and cracking prior to the chip and seal, but now it does. He distributed pictures of the examples of what the chip and seal has done to his driveway. The only one positive of chip and seal– it's cheaper. He said he is not sure what standard the city wants to go on. Policing, fire protection, saving of cost of a raise for mayor and council he would say if cheaper is better than forgoing a raise is way to go. Cheap is not a good reason to do it. The average life span of an asphalt road is 15-20 years, chips and seal might extend it another 5-7 years, but it has to be quality. Before you chip and seal you

have to prepare the road right. Nothing was done in his cul-de-sac to prepare the road for chip and seal. There was a lack of preparation and poor work. He complained to his elected officials and is sorry to say his councilmen didn't respond. The only one that responded was Mayor Davis who put him in touch with Jeff Fisher, Public Works Director, who tried to convince him chip and seal it the way to go; and Dave Frazier, Street Superintendent, who said it comes down to a matter of budget and he can only do so much with what he has. Mr. Elliott said his job as a parent is to feed, clothe, and shelter his children; the city is responsible to provide us with streets, sewers, police and fire protection and there is not enough in the budget to get decent roads. We are incumbent on you to provide us with that. There are complaints with TIF money, but we are giving away millions at a time and we can't maintain our city streets. He said he doesn't think this is the image we want to put forth for the city.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION OF 2015 DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

Police Chief James Person said every year employees select a civilian employee of the year and a police employee of year. He presented Jeramiah Todd with the 2015 Civilian Employee of the Year Award and Shane Trotter with the 2015 Police Officer of the Year award.

In the letter of commendation to Jeramiah Todd, Chief Person read this award is voted on by your peers, supervisors and commanders. You came to work at the Belton Police Department in June of 2011 and have been assigned to duties in the jail. You have provided consistent good performance, and conduct business in a professional and friendly manner. During 2015, the jail worked short-staffed often due to injuries and extended medical leave. You stepped right up and never complained, filling in wherever needed. You even provided leadership and mentoring to new employees, and took on additional duties without prompting. You always have a pleasant, willing attitude and get along well with co-workers, citizens, and clients.

In the letter of commendation to MPO Shane Trotter –2015 Police Officer of the Year, Chief Person said criteria for the award includes both job performance and employee relations, both of which you excel in. In 1995 you were hired as corrections officer until you were promoted to Police Officer in 1999, and then ultimately Master Patrol Officer 2009. While in patrol you served as a Field Training Officer and have trained dozens of new police officers. Over the years you were also called upon to be Shift Commander on numerous occasions and performed exceptionally in that role as well. You have always been devoted and steadfast and an unfaltering patrolman, which are characteristics that are often challenging to find in an individual who has worked in a uniform for as many years as you have. It was not until just this year, in the winter of 2016, that you were transferred out of patrol into the School Resource Officer unit. Your performance over the years has been exemplary. Your peers look up to you and often try to model their work product after yours.

There was a recess for a reception to honor the award recipients.

Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren called the meeting back to order at 7:33 P.M.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-14 **as amended: 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 Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman

Hoag. Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, walked through the process. She said at the February 23, 2016 Council meeting, the ordinance was presented to pass along a 3% increase as anticipated by Kansas City, but on that day the City received notice from Kansas City that the actual increase would be 4.24%. The Council amended the ordinance to reflect the 4.24% increase. However, at the March 8, 2016 meeting, the Council postponed the amendment and final reading of the ordinance. Councilman Savage said in the original budget we assumed a 3% increase which covered the cost of the water and added \$88,000 for water line replacement and finalized the budget with that assumption for water line replacement. **Councilman Savage moved to approve a 3.5% increase.** Councilman Hoag seconded. Councilman Lathrop said he is not sure that is in the city's best interest. Councilman Savage said he feels we have it covered. We have our costs covered. He feels it's a break we can give our residents and doesn't change the budget as far as numbers. Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren agreed it would be nice, but he would rather have a smaller increase in monthly bills then a year from now have to go to \$10-20 dollars a month. We don't want to have to make a larger increases later. He served on the water task force a couple of years ago and we are at the mercy of Kansas City. We need to get a second source and need to take step increases when they come across. Councilman Savage said we are not changing the budget – he hopes Kansas City has better thoughts next year, but in the meantime a 3.5% increase would possibly help out.

Vote on the motion to approve a 3.5% increase was recorded: Aye: 2, Councilmen Savage and Hoag; Noes: 6, Councilmen Lathrop, VanWinkle, Trutzel, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Fletcher, and Newell; Absent:1, Mayor Davis. Motion failed.

Vote on the final reading, as amended, was recorded: Ayes: 7, Councilman Trutzel, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, Newell, VanWinkle, and Savage; Noes: 1, Councilman Hoag; Absent:1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-14 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4183, subject to Mayoral veto.

Councilman Hoag moved to postpone Bill No. 2016-16 until April 12, 2016: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BURNS & MCDONNELL / CAS, LLC.** Councilman Savage seconded. All voted in favor to postpone. Mayor Davis absent. Motion to postpone until April 12, 2016 passed.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-17: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CDM SMITH, INC.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Newell. Vote on the final reading was recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Lathrop, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Fletcher, VanWinkle, Hoag and Newell; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-17 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4184, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-18: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HG CONSULT, INC.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Hoag. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-18 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4185, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-19: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KRUGER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Hoag. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-19 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4186, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-20, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OLSSON ASSOCIATES, INC.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-20 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4187, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-21: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Lathrop, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Fletcher, VanWinkle, Hoag and Newell; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-21 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4188, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-22: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRANSYSTEMS CORPORATION.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Hoag. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-22 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4189, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-23: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN ON-CALL ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TREKK DESIGN GROUP, LLC.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Newell. Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Trutzel, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Hoag, Lathrop, Fletcher, Newell, VanWinkle, and Savage ; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-23 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4190, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-24: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH TERRY SNELLING CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2015 STREET PRESERVATION PROJECT / CONCRETE REPLACEMENT INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT BY \$450,000.00.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8,

Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Lathrop, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Fletcher, VanWinkle, Hoag, and Newell; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-24 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4191, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of **Bill No. 2016-25: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH MID-AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL (MARC) FOR THE KANSAS CITY METROPOLITAN REGIONAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Hoag. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-25 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4192, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of **Bill No. 2016-26: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A REPAIR SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WEATHERPROOFING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR ROOF REPAIRS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BUILDING IN A NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$6,328.54.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-26 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4193, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of **Bill No. 2016-27: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELTON EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2017.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Councilman Savage stated for the record we our voting ourselves a raise for the future, nothing that has to do with the April election. He said he feels it is something that needs an adjustment and it is looking into the future. Councilman Newell said he echoes Councilman Savage's sentiments. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag, Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-27 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4194, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of **Bill No. 2016-28: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR THE COUNCILMAN POSITION OF THE CITY OF BELTON EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2018.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Lathrop, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Fletcher, VanWinkle, Hoag and Newell; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-28 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4195, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of **Bill No. 2016-29: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH KENTON BROTHERS LOCKSMITH, INC. TO UPGRADE THE DOOR SCAN ACCESS SECURITY LOCKS FOR FIRE STATION #1 AND FIRE STATION #2.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Megan McGuire, City Attorney, noted a few changes which are highlighted on pages 76, Page 78, 80, 81 and 82. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Hoag, Trutzel, Fletcher, Newell, VanWinkle, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 1,

Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-29 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4196, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2016-30: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RE-APPROPRIATION & REVISION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2016 ADOPTED CITY BUDGET TO REFLECT A CONTRACT WITH KENTON BROTHERS LOCKSMITH, INC. TO UPGRADE THE DOOR SCAN ACCESS SECURITY LOCKS FOR FIRE STATION #1 AND FIRE STATION #2.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Trutzel, Hoag, Savage, Fletcher, Newell, Lathrop, Newell, VanWinkle, and Lathrop; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-30 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4197, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2016-32: **AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF ACQUIRING FOR PUBLIC USE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND PERMANENT EASEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO THE PACIFIC DRIVE STORM DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT GENERALLY LOCATED IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 46 NORTH, RANGE 33 WEST, ALL IN THE CITY OF BELTON, CASS COUNTY, MISSOURI; AUTHORIZING THE CITY AND ITS DESIGNEES TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING THE EASEMENTS AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION BY CONTRACT OR CONDEMNATION; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY AND HIS/HER DESIGNEES TO INSTITUTE CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS IF SUCH INTERESTS IN LAND CANNOT BE ACQUIRED BY PURCHASE THROUGH GOOD FAITH NEGOTIATIONS.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Hoag. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Mayor Davis absent. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2016-33: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A ONE (1) SIDED DIGITAL BILLBOARD SIGN, LOCATED IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF I-49, JUST SOUTH OF 162ND STREET, ADDRESSED AS 16241 E. OUTER ROAD, BELTON, MISSOURI.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. There was some discussion and Councilman Trutzel noted the Planning Commission had discussion pertaining to the brightness of the sign, and the applicant Glenn Hills, was very accommodating in making sure to have some outside sources regulating the sign so it won't be blinding. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Mayor Davis absent. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2016-34: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REAPPROPRIATION & REVISION OF THE CITY OF BELTON FISCAL YEAR 2016 ADOPTED CITY BUDGET.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Hoag. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Mayor Davis absent. **Councilman Savage moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Hoag seconded. All present voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Hoag Fletcher, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis. Bill No. 2016-34 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2016-4198, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2016-35: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELTON, MISSOURI AND DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET, INC. TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SERVICES SUPPORT FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL IN BELTON, MISSOURI IN SEPTEMBER 2016.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Mayor Davis absent. First reading passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2016-14: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK AGREEMENT # 1 WITH STREETWISE, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPLETING THE ANNUAL STREET STRIPING PROGRAM AT A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$67,000.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Mayor Davis absent. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2016-15: **A RESOLUTION APPROVING TASK AGREEMENT #2016-1 WITH WIEDENMANN, INC. TO MAKE NECESSARY SANITARY SEWER MAIN REPAIR AT 407 HACKBERRY STREET AT A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$11,143.** Presented by Councilman Hoag, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Mayor Davis absent. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Fletcher, Park Board Liaison, reported the Cleveland Lake cleanup is this Saturday. The dog park will open on April 22, 2016; the grand opening for disc golf will be May 14. Last Saturday was the Easter egg hunt.

Police Chief James Person said they have been working with Ted Lange, Park Department, because they budgeted money in the 2017 budget that was approved for landscaping at the police station and the park is re-purposing some the native grass at the police station to put in some of the islands around the city.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jeff Fisher, Public Works Director, updated the Council on the Mullen Road project – it is expected to open this Thursday or Friday. It has gone well and is ahead of schedule.

Norman Larkey, Fire Chief, said he and a couple of others will be going to Wisconsin next week for a final inspection on two fire trucks and we should have them in town the week of April 4 and hopefully in service by the middle of April.

Megan McGuire, City Attorney, provided a PowerPoint presentation from Shockey Consulting on the sales tax continuation question on the April 5 election ballot. Councilman Trutzel requested in be put on Facebook.

Ms. McGuire also gave an update on the city attorney's office construction.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Fletcher announced the Cass County Job Fair and Expo is April 9 from 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M., 107 W Pirate Parkway, Belton Middle School.

Councilman Savage responded to the personal appearance of Blaine Elliot. He asked Public Works Director Jeff Fisher to bring it back to talk about it at a work session pertaining to chip and seal roads. Also, Mr. Elliott mentioned he sent emails to councilmen and Councilman Savage said he didn't get any email from Mr. Elliott and so he asked the city's IT company to look into why he didn't get it.

Councilman Trutzel said there isn't anyone sitting here that doesn't want asphalt roads –the cost to do one block of asphalt is \$20,000. If we asphalt all of them that would be many millions of dollars. He asked Sheila Erzen, Finance Director, how long it would take to pay that off and she said about 100+ years to pay it off. Councilman Trutzel said there are a lot of things are can't financially do. We are not going to have all the asphalt roads in neighborhoods. Councilman Savage said he just wants to know for sure that we are doing the absolute best that we are doing.

At 8:20 P.M., Councilman Savage moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to preparation, including any discussion or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups according to Missouri Statute 610.021.9 and that the record be closed. Councilman Hoag seconded. The following vote was recorded; Ayes: 8, Mayor Pro Tem Von Behren, Councilmen Savage, Trutzel, Hoag, Lathrop, VanWinkle, Newell, Fletcher, and Trutzel; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Mayor Davis.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:18 P.M. Being no further business, Councilman Savage moved to adjourn. Councilman Lathrop seconded. All voted in favor. Mayor Davis absent. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Scott Von Behren, Mayor Pro Tem