

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2017
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

TAX LEVY

This public hearing was held at 7:00 p.m., August 22, 2017, at Belton City Hall Annex, 520 Main Street, during which citizens may be heard regarding property tax rates proposed to be set by the City of Belton. The tax rates shall be set to produce the revenues required to support the budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018. The rates are based upon the current assessed valuation figures as provided by the Cass County Assessor's Office. Each tax rate is determined by dividing the amount of revenue, as authorized by the Missouri Constitution, by the current assessed valuation. This value is multiplied times 100 resulting in a tax rate expressed in cents per \$100 valuation.

Assessed Valuation (applies to calendar year 2017):
(By Categories)

	<u>Current Tax Year</u> 2017	<u>Prior Tax Year</u> 2016
Real Estate	\$ 210,002,919	\$ 191,563,489
Personal Property	<u>46,331,633</u>	<u>44,053,352</u>
Total Assessed Valuation	\$ 256,334,552 =====	\$ 235,616,841 =====

Tax Levy (applies to City's fiscal year):

	Property Tax Revenue FY2018 Budget	Proposed Tax Rate FY2018	<i>Prior Year Tax</i> Rate FY2017
General Fund	\$ 1,462,000	\$ 0.5261	\$ 0.5470
Parks & Recreation	560,000	0.2341	0.2434
Debt Service	<u>2,625,000</u>	<u>1.1310</u>	<u>1.1300</u>
Total	\$ 4,647,000 =====	\$ 1.8912 =====	\$ 1.9204 =====

NOTE: Assessed valuation figures are subject to change as determined by the Cass County Assessor. These changes, should they occur, may impact the tax rates as shown above.

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, gave a brief summary. She said we did receive a third notice from the county and there numbers are a little different then what was published in the newspaper. The difference was with our real estate and new construction. We are still seeing an

overall decrease to levies. These are the rates set and seen by residents and property owners when they pay their tax bill. The general fund levy is down 2 cents; the park and recreation levy is down almost 1 cent, and the debt service levy is the same. Overall there is a .0292 decrease for the levy. Real estate in the city increased by \$18,439,430 and \$3.9 million is due to new construction. Personal property values increased by \$2,278,000.

Being no further input the public hearing adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Councilman Finn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jeff Davis, Councilmen Ryan Finn, Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Bob Newel, Lorrie Peek, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, and Dean VanWinkle. Also present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk.

Mayor Davis wished Councilman Lathrop a birthday and congratulations on another year.

At 7:07 P.M., Councilman Newell moved to enter **Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to scientific and technological innovations in which there is a proprietary interest, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.15, and that the record be closed.** Councilman Peek seconded. The following vote was recorded; Ayes: 9, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Newell, VanWinkle, Peek, and Finn; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:54 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Trutzel moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of **motion approving the minutes of the August 8, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting; a motion approving Resolution R2017-31: A resolution appointing Scott Von Behren and reappointing Chris Stewart, Randy Hendricks, and Robert Benson to serve on the Public Works Committee; a motion approving a temporary caterer's liquor license permit for Embrace the Grape, LLC, 301 NW Central St, Ste. J, Lee's Summit, for a beer garden (a designated and roped off area) at the Belton Fall Festival on September 8-9, 2017, at the corner of Main Street and Walnut Street, contingent upon obtaining their state liquor permit; a motion approving the purchase of a surveillance camera for the Police Department lobby from Kenton Brothers, Inc. in the amount of 3,137.35; and a motion approving the renewal of a one year security/camera system hardware maintenance agreement from Kenton Brothers for the Police Department in the amount of \$6,603.83.** Councilman Savage seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-76: **An ordinance readopting Ordinance No. 91-2073, as amended, establishing a procedure to disclose potential conflict of interest and substantial interest for certain municipal officials.** Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Savage, Newell, Peek, Fletcher, Finn, Lathrop, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-76 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4375, subject to Mayoral veto

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-77: **An ordinance approving an agreement by and between the City of Belton, Missouri and Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) for partial funding and contract services at the Belton senior center.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Newell, Finn, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Peek, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-77 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4376, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-78: **An ordinance levying and fixing the rate of tax for municipal purposes, for the park fund, and the debt service fund for fiscal year 2018.** Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Newell, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Finn, and Peek; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-78 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4377, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-79: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri authorizing and approving a single contract with Ady Advantage that includes strategic planning and city visioning as follows: strategic planning for Economic Development, city portion \$24,750 for total of (\$39,750) and City visioning/strategic planning, \$8,500.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman VanWinkle. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-80: **An ordinance approving a final plat of Fairfield Inn Belton, a 5.62-acre tract of land, a subdivision of lots 1 and 2, Fairfield Inn Belton, North Mullen Road, City of Belton, Cass County, Missouri.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Mayor Davis said this has been a long time coming. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor except Councilman Newell who voted no. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-81: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its Police Department to renew a maintenance/service contract for telephone hardware maintenance and replacement with Dice Communications.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-32: **A resolution of the City of Belton, Missouri authorizing and approving the renewal of the maintenance service agreement with Streetwise, Inc. for the annual street striping program.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-33: **A resolution approving Task Agreement #2017-2 with Streetwise, Inc. for the purpose of completing the annual street striping program at a not-to-exceed**

amount of \$65,000.00. Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-34: **A resolution approving actions of the City Manager to engage Wiedenmann, Inc. for emergency repair of a water main due to flooding on the East Outer Road near the Cottages of Belton and ratifying Task Agreement #2017-3 in the amount of \$44,357.99.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Mayor Davis asked staff how they found out about the large water break. Don Tyler, Water Services Manager, explained it happened during a night of severe storms. He said we received an alarm in the early morning of July 27. When we receive those alarms it's advising us that our towers are dropping excessively fast. Crews were called in and dispersed throughout the city to try to find and locate the main. After driving the mains and walking the fields and were able to find the leak pretty quickly. It took roughly 1 ½ hours to shut down. If it is shut down too quickly it can cause other problems in the city. Mayor Davis asked what caused the break. Mr. Tyler said there was excessive water off of I-49 and it entered the creek near Springdale Lake and was so strong it eroded the banks away that was holding the main and exposed the 10" PVC water main which eroded back the two bale sections, which is where the pipes go together, and the two bale sections came apart. He estimated 1.25 million gallons of water was lost during that time from when the alarms went off until we found it. Councilman Savage asked what took place and how we can prevent this from happening again. Mr. Tyler said after the break was shut down we started calling our on call service providers to see who could respond the quickest. Wiedenmann said they could be there within 5-10 minutes and they were. All repairs were done to city specifications and he explained in detail what they did to fix it. Mayor Davis asked if we have maps on water mains in the city. Mr. Tyler said yes, there are roughly 35-40 mains. Councilman Newell commended them on doing a good job. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-35: **A resolution adopting the Belton nature area project along Oil Creek, a designated floodplain zone, on city property north of the improved portion of the Oil Creek Trail between 162nd and 160th Streets including access by trail users for hiking, biking, for scout troops for scouting outdoor skills development, and to be used for overnight camping.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Peek said Shane DeWald, Park Director, was present to give an update on the Park. Mr. DeWald said there is a lot going on. There is ongoing maintenance with the HVAC, recreation pool, community center and lights struck by lightning on the ball fields. We are also finishing up Memorial Park with the LWCF (Land Water Conservation). We have two shelters and restrooms which have to be completed by 12/31/17, it is coming along nicely, there is a lot of concrete being poured, and making it ADA accessible. We are working with Public Works on the Bel Ray connector trail and hope to start working on the design proposals after the first of the year.

There are three upcoming events:

- Doggie Dip Day September 9
- Dash for the Dog Park September 23
- Octoberfest September 30
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Mayor Davis asked about the Mayor's Christmas tree. Mr. DeWald said a few have been identified.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Davis said former civil defense/emergency management volunteer Rusty Bivans passed away and asked for moment of silence. He was a dedicated and devoted citizen in our community for a long time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Alexa Barton, City Manager, asked Fire Chief Norman Larkey to report of last night's rain event. He said about 11:45 P.M., we started recalling some public works crews, off-duty chiefs and six emergency management volunteers were called out. They blocked 11 intersections throughout the night. Two people were pulled from their cars and in Oak Hill Mobile Home Park. Water was getting up next to some trailers and we pulled a couple of people from some trailers and had a problem with them wanting to get up on the bridge, so we ended up blocking the bridge. Worst was North Scott and we were out about 4 hours. All-in-all it went pretty smooth. Mayor Davis said his neighborhood was a disaster. He asked how much rain we got. Chief Larkey said he heard 6-8 inches of rain. Mayor Davis said he was out in the wee hours of the morning and it was neat to see our emergency management out with you, it was a well-coordinated machine and firefighters were in there water saving gear. It was scary driving around town. People were trying to drive through barriers. There were no fatalities. He was so very proud of our guys. Chief Larkey said on his way into the meeting he heard they pulled a body from Lake Annette.

Ms. Barton said in light of additional flooding we are setting up dumpster sites for citizens to bring flood damaged items from their homes. It will be located at the Belton police department on the east side. It will be Friday and Saturday from 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. Will see what the needs are this weekend and determine if we have to have another one.

Ms. Barton distributed the Charter Review Outline. She said she and the City Clerk, Patti Ledford, sat down and went over the Charter Review Commission in accordance with our Charter on what needs to be done. We have highlighted the dates we have in order to get this moving so a Charter Review Committee can be formed to review our existing Charter and make suggestions if we need to amend our Charter. Any amendments to the Charter would need to go on the November 2018 ballot. First thing we need to do is publish and campaign to attract qualified volunteers to serve on the commission. That will begin on August 28. Attached to the outline is the application. According to charter you can't be an elected official to serve on the Charter Review Commission. We will allow 30 days for individuals to apply to be on review. That in turn will come back to the City Council for review. At least 8 qualified voters, with no more than 30 % of commission members shall reside in one ward, will be chosen at the October 3 work session. Ultimately there will be two from each ward that would be appointed to serve on the Charter Review Commission. If you know of any individuals interested you have the application and it will be listed on the City's website and Facebook page. Mayor Davis reminded staff to have this information to the Council prior to the meetings so the Council has time to review it.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Davis encourage all council members to get out in their wards, especially when we have situations like the recent flood, and check to see if people need help. It is good to know and have a pulse of your area.

Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn at 8:16 P.M. Councilwoman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor