

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017
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 Ryan Finn, Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Bob Newell, Lorrie Peek, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, and Dean VanWinkle. Also present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Lathrop moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of **a motion approving the minutes of the July 25, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting and the August 1, 2017, City Council Special Meeting; a motion approving the May 2017, June 2017, and July 2017 Municipal Police Judge's Reports; and a motion approving Resolution R2017-28: A resolution appointing Tom MacPherson to the Planning Commission.** Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-75: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri, as a participating agency, authorizing and approving a cooperative agreement with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC for the 2017 street preservation project/overlay finalized in June 2017.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, 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. 2017-75 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4374, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read 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 Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read 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 Finn, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. First reading passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-29: **A resolution of the City of Belton, Missouri authorizing and approving task agreement 2017-1 with Superior Bowen Asphalt Company, LLC in a not-to-exceed amount of \$184,849.00 to complete an asphalt mill and overlay of East Pacific Drive and East Sunrise Drive between South Cedar Street and South Scott Avenue.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-30: **A resolution approving task agreement #7 with Olsson Associates under the on-call engineering agreement per Ordinance 2016-4187 to perform a North Scott regional detention study in a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,288.00.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Councilman Savage said it seems we talked about this in the past but he asked for more information. Mayor Davis said this resolution was supposed to appear on the consent agenda. They do have the money in their budget for this and they do have an on-call contractor. Alexa Barton, City Manager, said the City had a prior contract with Olsson Associates; they did our master flood plan in 2014. This allows them to utilize that additional information so that we are doing a more defined research and study of the North Scott corridor to look at the possibility of maximizing developable area and site layouts along North Scott and looking at what our options are for additional storm water retention. Councilman Lathrop said the information in the agenda packet says they have the money in the budget, but they took the money out of capital outlay. Ms. Barton explained that will happen at the end of the year when we do our true-ups of the funding. The very first whereas within the resolution talks about where the funding is now and it was originally for monuments and street scape at 155th Street and in consideration of that area that could be developed at a future time we believe the fund is better utilized to try to develop that area so that it can be beautified and utilized. Being no further discussion vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Peek, Park Board Liaison, announced the next Park Board meeting will be on August 21 and on that day the Park is hosting a Total Eclipse of the Park day and Great Company food truck will be at High Blue Wellness from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and a free gentle yoga from noon-12:45 outside. They will have free eclipse glasses while supplies last.

She also announced:

- Memorial Park - Friday, August 11 - High School Musical at 8:00 P.M., it's free. If it rains it will be held inside. Bring blankets and chairs, but no coolers, they will have concessions.
- September 9 is doggie dip day pool party for dogs from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Dogs \$5.00, humans free.
- Dash for Dog Park at Wallace Park, Saturday, September 23 at Wallace Park, 5k/10k and dog fun run. All proceeds go to the dog park. Cost for 5K is \$35.00, 10k is \$40.00, \$10.00 for 1 mile fun run. Check in at 7:00 a.m.
- September 30 sponsored by Arvest Bank is Octoberfest at Memorial Park from 5:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M. There will be family fun, food trucks, crafters, bounce houses, car show, free concerts and Martin City Brewing will have a beer garden.

Ms. Barton said she received some information on how the Red Cross is coordinating with local emergency agencies about viewing the path of the solar eclipse and being prepared for any type of emergency we might have; in light of that, we have also ordered additional solar eclipse

glasses for individuals in and around city hall to wear. We have 250 on order which should be here before the event. A partial eclipse will appear around 11:30-11:45 with sun completely obscured somewhere around 1:00 P.M. We will have those glasses available to our employees and any citizens that come by that day that should need them.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Our thoughts and prayers go out the family, friends, and comrades of the Clinton police officer that was slain. It is a terrible situation and all the mayors in the county got together and talked about this. This is probably one of the worst things in our society right now and this happens often. It could be our police officers that we are talking about so we need to keep them and their families in our prayers. Mayor Davis asked for a moment of silent prayer and to remember them in our prayers tonight.

Mayor Davis said school starts next week and reminded everyone to be aware of the school zones and pedestrians. He asked if Chief Larkey is all ready for school inspections. Chief Larkey said they are all done.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Barton provided a couple of updates for the Council.

Staff met with Gary Mallory regarding the Fall Festival September 8-9. One of the things the Council agreed to earlier this year was utilization of the restrooms at city hall or annex. The decision was made for them to use the annex. They will have someone on site to watch the facilities and make sure there is no activity or damage. They will also be roping off the vacant lot on Main Street.

Ms. Barton informed the Council that the City received communication from Randy Grim at Calvary University. The university has purchased the German Club and expressed the desire to change the name of Bong Street, in that one block area, to something associated with the university. Although she understands them wanting to change the street name of Bong, in doing some research she found out that Richard Bong was a Major in the air force, received many military awards and accolades, was a Medal of Honor recipient, he was a war hero for our country and died at early age. Richard Ira Bong was born in September 1920 and died in August 1945. He died in California doing a test flight and had over 45 kills in conflict during WWII. There is a reason why we name our roads and we have statues and different items that commemorate individuals. She said she is very concerned that we lose our source of history when we allow changes such as this. She would like to suggest to Calvary, if the Council is in agreement, that instead of changing the name of the street, because of the inference of what bong might mean in slang, that they do some type of commemoration with a plaque that describes and explains why the road is named Bong. The plaque could describe what a war hero Richard Ira Bong was and what an example he set for many citizens in our country. Mayor Davis said we could rename the street with his name and title on the street. Mayor Davis asked the Council to think about how we want to handle it. We want to be good partners with Calvary but after reviewing the history we tend to forget those kinds of things.

Ms. Barton showed a map of the new drop-off area for flood damaged items. The last two weekends we have had a free drop-off area for flood damaged items which was located at the high school. This last weekend we had to close the facility because of more rain and nearby lighting strikes. She announced there will be a free drop-off location this weekend for flood damaged items from homes, no brush this time. Shane DeWald, Park Director, has agreed to let

us use the parking lot at High Blue Wellness Center from 8:00 A.M-2:00 P.M., Saturday, August 12.

Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor