

**MINUTES OF THE  
BELTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2017  
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET  
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman Fletcher led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilwoman Peek moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a **motion approving the minutes of the November 28, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting and a motion approving the cancelation of the January 2, 2018, work session for the holiday.** Councilman Trutzel seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

**ORDINANCES:**

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-101: **An ordinance amending Chapter 36 – subdivision regulations, section 36-35 (a) (3), section 36-35 (b) (10) and section 36-36 (b) of the Unified Development Code to consolidate and revise the regulations on final plat submissions and professional land surveyor duties, to be consistent with Missouri Revised Statute RSMo 327.272.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Savage. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Newell, Finn, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Councilwoman Peek, and Councilman Savage. Bill No. 2017-101 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4400, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-102: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri, approving a training agreement between the City of Belton, by and through its Fire Department, and the American National Red Cross.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Norman Larkey, Fire Chief, said we are switching from American Heart Association to the American Red Cross. It is a cheaper and better quality training. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-103: **An ordinance approving a municipal lease and option agreement with Municipal Asset Management, Inc. to lease replacement indoor fitness equipment for use at the Belton Parks High Blue Wellness Center and providing access to insurance coverage through the City's equipment policy.** Presented by Councilwoman Peek, seconded by Councilman VanWinkle. Councilman Lathrop had some questions on the property payment schedule as there appears to be a discrepancy. The schedule shows a total acquisition cost of \$81,144.00 (principal balance) and then the purchase price column show a price of \$84,490.47. Shane DeWald, Park Director, was not present to answer the question. Alexa Barton,

City Manager, said she will address the issue with the park director and get the information back to the Council. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-104: **An ordinance amending Chapter 11 – Health and Sanitation, Article IV – Solid Waste, Chapter 6 – Business Licenses and Regulations and Appendix A – Schedule of Fees and Charges of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Belton, Missouri to implement the centralized residential trash collection program and update the solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste regulations.** Presented by Councilwoman Peek, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Councilman Trutzel asked when the carts will be delivered. Alexa Barton, City Manager, said she spoke with Chuck Byrd, owner of Jim’s Disposal. The carts are set to be staged on December 18 with delivery December 19 and 20, leaving Thursday, December 21 open for any corrections/changes. Additional information/flyers are available that explain what is acceptable for recycling, a map showing trash pick-up days, and do’s and don’ts. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

### **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:**

Councilwoman Peek, Park Liaison, provided the following report:

- Upgrades to the locker rooms at High Blue Wellness Center have begun
- The biggest loser competition starts January 8. For more information contact Annette at High Blue Wellness.
- Interviews are underway for the recreation manager position due to the resignation of Rodney Sadler. They hope to have someone hired by the end of December.
- The Wellness center is getting ready for the New Year, which is their busiest time of the year for memberships.
- FY19 budget work continues.

Councilman Bob Newell said the Code Committee met December 6. Discussion centered on rental property inspections. The committee requested more information for discussion. Alexa Barton, City Manager, said Jim Brown, Building Official, was also present. The committee looked at what other cities are doing and talked about starting up a rental inspection program. Staff and committee members will bring back thoughts and direction at the January meeting.

### **MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Davis said the biggest loser contest at the park begins in January. He has been challenged and he openly challenged any council member to participate.

The Chamber of Commerce awards luncheon was today. It was the Chamber President, Lisa Peeks last meeting as president. The Chamber has been very active. Karen Fletcher, Fletcher Forms, received the member of the year; Merry Maids, business of the year; and MSE Hardscapes received the Chamber award of excellence. The Chamber had an outstanding year. They are a very giving and outstanding group and he is proud of all of them.

Mayor Davis announced the special Council meeting on December 19. There will be three items on the agenda. Councilman Fletcher and Lathrop said they would not be at the meeting.

Mayor Davis asked James Person, Police Chief, about neighborhood watch areas and who handles them. Chief Person said citizens can call the station and they will help facilitate a neighborhood meeting. The community group would buy signs and the city will post them and then we will participate in periodic meetings. We have had groups that have formed, some continue, some go away and some reform.

Trutzel asked the police chief about residential security cameras. Chief Person said the department does not have a registry of those. If there is an incident we will canvass the area to see who might have cameras but we do not have a registry because homeowners change often. He went on to say you might be surprised at how many will have a camera but they don't know how it works.

Mayor Davis said the Council received a letter from Judge Curry, municipal judge. His term ends January 1, 2018. His contract needs to be renewed and we are in discussion. He is interested in renewing, however, the city charter and state law states municipal judges are not permitted to serve after attaining the age of 75. Therefore, his term will end July 15, 2020 at which time another judge will need to be appointed. Judge Curry will be at the next meeting. Ms. Barton stated there are many court cases currently in place and he knows the background. Recruitment and research needs to occur in January 2020 so that we have plenty of time. Judge Curry is a member of the state judges association and he will talk to those members and help get a good group of candidates for the position. It's imperative we begin the search by January 2020. Councilman Fletcher asked if we have looked at replacing him at this time. Ms. Barton said no because of the courts and dockets in place, it is difficult to find someone to fill it by January 1, 2018.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Michael Doi, Public Works Director, provided an update on Vicie Road. The contractor is now on site and has started clearing for the culvert replacement. Mayor Davis asked when the project will be finished. Mr. Doi said hopefully in 6 weeks, but it is weather dependent. Mayor Davis said we would really welcome a different process in the future to speed up process.

Councilman Trutzel asked when the traffic lights will be installed for Turner Road. Mr. Doi said they are expected to be installed in January.

Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, announced the 155<sup>th</sup> Street ribbon cutting will be December 15 at 11:00 A.M.

Ms. Barton provided an update on the Main Street Theatre located in old city hall. They have found their own power for the outside sign. They had an artist event last week. They have been notified to contact Dave Clements on signage and they need to finish up their business license. Mayor Davis said it is going to be a good deal for downtown.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Councilman Finn asked about the traffic signals on Turner Road. They are ready to open and we are waiting on the traffic lights. Mr. Doi explained there was a hold up with the contractor getting the materials. Ms. Barton said the contractor is very aware of this and that is why they are looking at a completion date of January 2018. We have shared that information with the contractor. Councilman Finn asked if there is a penalty if the contractor breaches it. Ms. Barton said she research if there is a penalty and get back with the Council.

Being no further business, Councilman Finn moved to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. Councilwoman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Patti Ledford, City Clerk

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Jeff Davis, Mayor