

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 19, 2017
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman Savage let the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of 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 Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Alexa Barton, City Manager, said Councilman Lathrop had a few questions at the last meeting regarding the amortization schedule and clarification was provided. The first payment is due in March, instead of February. A lot of equipment is being replaced and a list is available. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Savage, Newell, Councilwoman Peek; Councilmen Finn, Lathrop, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Fletcher. Bill No. 2017-103 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4401, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of 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 Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Newell, Finn, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, VanWinkle, Peek, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Fletcher. Bill No. 2017-104 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4402, subject to Mayoral veto.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-57: **A resolution reappointing Charles C. Curry as Belton Municipal Judge pursuant to Article VII of the Belton Charter.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Councilman Finn it was brought to his attention that the City should start the process of replacement a year out, as 6 months is not adequate time to find a qualified municipal judge. Plus, we won't have to rush through the

process. Ms. Barton and Judge Curry agreed and this allows the city to go through a more methodical process. **Councilman Finn moved to amend the resolution to start the recruitment of his replacement one year prior to Judge Curry's seventy-fifth birthday.** Councilman VanWinkle seconded. All voted in favor of the amendment. Councilman Fletcher absent. Vote on the resolution, as amended, was then recorded with all voting in favor. Councilman Fletcher absent. Resolution as amended passed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Davis reported 155th Street is now open. The ribbon cutting was December 15. It is exciting to have it open. It is beautiful and is called a diverg-about. It is a clever design; it is the first one ever done.

The firefighter's special awards dinner was December 14. Councilwoman Peek said it was very nice, but felt sorry for the firemen working as they got three calls so half of them had to leave and do what they do every day. The awards and accommodations were wonderful. They had a gingerbread house building contest. It was a great evening for everyone and good food.

Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, announce that Panera Bread will be locating in Belton in the former Bob Evans building. Mayor Davis commented that this is a great landing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Barton provided the Council an update on the Turner Road project. This project is being constructed by Emery, Sapp & Sons. It is part of the Belton Gateway Phase II project. She reminded the Council that this project is managed by Christie Development through an agreement with the TDD (Transportation Development District). This project is not with the City; it is not a city portion project. The project manager is Dave Olsen with Christie Development and City staff has been inspecting the public infrastructure being installed according to city standards. The project has had several delays including the creek realignment and culvert construction; the two major summer rain events in July and August; other unanticipated problems during the project which was discovery of a rock subgrade that caused significant delays and the most recent item is the paving which wasn't not completed until November 2017, which was delayed because of the previous mentioned items. The biggest delay now is the traffic signals. Because a left hand turn will be allowed off of Turner Road onto Y Highway, it is a safety issue to open the road until the traffic signals are installed. Christie Development is at the mercy of their supplier and they hope to open Turner Road by the first part of January.

Councilman Trutzel inquired about the curbing adjacent to the Methodist church; he said there is no cut out for the intersection to the lower parking lot. Mr. Olsen said there is an agreement in place to construct that entrance. It will extend that drive adjacent to the Ross building into their parking lot. The agreement was further refined when we completed the redevelopment agreement for Phase II. The initial agreement was predicated on when Markey Parkway was extended full-width. There will be a median required that is in front of the church. That will preclude their full access; so the idea of that second curb cut is to provide them access back out to the signal so they can make a left turn if and when Markey Parkway is extended.

Mayor Davis asked about the landscaping. Mr. Olsen described in detail the drainage and landscaping. Councilman Trutzel commented that the landscaping is phenomenal.

Ms. Barton reminded the Council of the January meeting dates:

January 2018 meetings

1/2 work session – canceled

1/9 regular session

1/16 special meeting

1/23 regular session

Mayor Davis wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Being no further business, Councilman Finn moved to adjourn at 7:21 P.M., seconded by Councilman Newell. All present voted in favor. Councilman Fletcher absent. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor