

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 25, 2017
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Peek moved to approved the consent agenda consisting of a **motion approving the minutes of the July 11, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting; a motion approving Resolution R2017-24: A resolution approving reorganization of city staff; a motion approving Resolution R2017-25: A resolution reappointing Keith Parks, Roger Shirk, and Wilma Darlington to the Zoning Board of Adjustments; a motion approving the purchase of the Relay 5000 Folder/Inserter from Pitney Bowes through a cooperative purchasing contract between the State of Missouri and Pitney Bowes, in the amount of \$18,453.81 for the Finance Department; a motion approving the purchase of replacement ballistic vests for the Police Department; and a motion approving the purchase of external vest carriers for ballistic vests for the Police Department.** Councilman Savage seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle absent. Consent agenda approved.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

Alexa Barton, City Manager, announced that Chuck Byrd, owner of Jim's Disposal, whom the City placed a contract with for trash disposal which will commence January 1, 2017, is present to address the Council. She said she will be working with him on education materials for citizens as well as times and dates for open forum sessions and meetings and to provide additional information for citizens of Belton. Everyone will have an opportunity to meet him.

Chuck Byrd thanked the Mayor, Council and Ms. Barton for the opportunity to serve the great City of Belton. He said when he purchased Jim's Disposal, that was the name of the company and we never changed the name, we just took it and made it better. We have been in business for nearly 21 years. We started with one truck 17 customers and we have grown from that. We provide service in the Kansas City metro area and north of river for trash and recycling for 108,000 residents. Trash is important to everyone and it is very critical. We wanted to expand our footprint in Belton and are grateful for the opportunity to serve and it is a leap of faith and we realize our reputation is on the line. We are opening up our very own transfer station located in eastern Jackson County to better handle our business. The market is changing and we are trying to position ourselves to provide better service for better pricing.

Ms. Barton said she did receive communication this afternoon from KC Disposal. Mr. Byrd was very involved in talking with other service providers in the area. The concern on the streets with

citizens is whether or not they will have trash service with their current companies until the end of the year. She read a statement she received from KC Disposal.

The statement read: After a lot of thought and back and forth, KC Disposal has decided to pick up our customers in Belton until January 1, 2018. The reason why this was so difficult for us, is because our customers mean the world to us and we want to make sure that they are always taken care of. In the same token, we run a business, therefore, we have to make the right decisions for our business so that we can continue to grow. With all that being said it comes down to one of our core beliefs and that is the customer comes first! So we came up with a game plan to be able to take care of our customers and to continue to grow. KC Disposal will service our customers until January 1, 2018. We will also be collecting our trash cans in sections, in which we will give at least two weeks' notice to our customers. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Ms. Barton personally thanked Mr. Byrd for taking the initiative and making it a smooth transition.

Mr. Byrd said their contract begins January 1, 2018, but his desire and challenge is to get residents trash service whether it be from a private hauler or through Jim's until the first of the year. We still stand by that. As a service provider we are here with you. There is no need to panic.

Councilman Trutzel said many residents are asking who Jim's Disposal is. It is important to get educational information to our residents about how long you have been in business and what you will be able to do for them.

Mr. Byrd said they have been in the market place for a long time and we understand trash – were not just talking trash – we are the best. It was time for us to expand footprint and we are excited for the opportunity to serve you.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-72: **An ordinance amending Chapter 26 – Parking, Loading and Access, Section 26-5 – Residential Driveways, paragraph (9) of the Unified Development Code to consolidate and revise the regulations on residential driveways.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded: Ayes: 7, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Savage, Newell, Peek, Fletcher, Lathrop, and Trutzel; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle. Bill No. 2017-72 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No 2017-4371, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-73: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its municipal court to approve the master services agreement with Docusign, Inc. to purchase a secured data document transmittal and signing software program.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded: Ayes: 7, Councilmen Fletcher, Newell, Lathrop, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Peek, Trutzel and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle. Bill No. 2017-73 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No 2017-4372, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-74: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its Fire Department to purchase an annual subscription with Emergency Services Marketing Corporation, Inc., D/B/A IAMResponding.com to provide messaging and a**

secondary means of alarm notification for the Fire Department. Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Savage. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle absent. **Councilman Newell moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Peek seconded. All present voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Savage. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 7, Councilmen Newell, Peek, Lathrop, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel, Fletcher, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle. Bill No. 2017-74 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No 2017-4373, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read 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. Michael Doi, Public Works Director, said this is in combination with Belton, Raymore, Pleasant Hill, and Peculiar. Mayor Davis asked how thick the asphalt will be. Mr. Doi said 8". Mayor Davis then asked when the project will start. Mr. Doi said it will start with the East Pacific project. Councilman Savage asked if this is 2" overlay. This would be done by patch work along East Pacific and Sunrise. Staff found the asphalt and subbase varies throughout the entire project. Mr. Doi said staff originally estimated the cost would be \$85,000. The road is relatively flat. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle absent. First reading passed.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-26: **A resolution of the City of Belton, Missouri authorizing and approving Change Order #1 to the East Pacific Project for storm water drainage improvements in the amount of \$115,786.20.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Mayor Davis asked Michael Doi, Public Works Director, to explain why we are doing this now. Mr. Doi said we didn't take into account a lot of the curb – some had tilted and is causing some ponding. There is 3,200 linear feet of curb that is bad and we decided it needed to be removed and replaced. Councilman Newell asked if Superior is doing the curb work. Mr. Doi said no, a subcontractor is doing the work. Councilman Trutzel asked if they are using granite rock, like they did the last time. Mr. Doi said yes. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilmen Finn and Van Winkle absent. Resolution passed.

Ms. Barton thanked staff for looking at this. We talked about working on water and storm water and how curb impacts the entire project. When we entertained doing this we wanted to have a complete project. Staff looked at the detail of it from a complete standpoint and the roads are not in good shape and wanted to do it right and she applauds them for thinking outside box

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-27: **A resolution formally accepting the Belton Gateway lots 2, 3, and 4 new public infrastructure of 1504 feet of 8" water line, 34 feet of 6" water line, one 5'x4' curb inlet, and 190 feet of public street (turn lane) with an irrevocable letter of credit securing the two year maintenance guarantee through Great Southern Bank.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle absent. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Trutzel, Public Works Committee Liaison, provided a brief update on a number of public works projects:

- Belton Gateway Project 2 moving forward - involves Turner Road
- Carnegie Village project done other than some documents
- Traditions subdivision in process
- 155th Street bridge is a head of construction
- East Pacific storm water project in process
- Wastewater treatment compost plant – public open house tomorrow from 4:00-8:00 P.M.
- 58 and Y interchange in process

Councilman Savage asked how far ahead of schedule is the 155th Street Bridge. Michael Doi, Public Works Director, reported we originally expected December but it possibly will be as early as mid-September.

Mayor Davis said it makes whole area look different. Ms. Barton said the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) call this interchange ae revers diamond and the traffic circle is a hybrid. While it will allow traffic to flow it might cause confusion.

Councilman Peek, Park Board Liaison, reported the Park Board held its election of officer at its last meeting for president, vice-president and finance secretary. Perry Gough was elected president for another year. Park is working on designing the property for Bel-Ray trails and they are monitoring the weekly impact of tournaments. Enjoy Belton will be making a formal presentation at the Council meeting in September. The Dash for Dog Park will be held September 23. Octoberfest is scheduled for September 30 at Memorial Park. Work is continuing on the Park organizational chart and it will be evaluated over the next few months.

Councilman Trutzel said he realizes the park does not have any money but it appears the land east of baseball fields in Markey Park has potential for more soccer fields.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Davis said the MML conference is in September, Councilman Peek plans to attend and asked if any other Councilmembers are planning to attend – there were none.

Mayor Davis said we are in need of residents to serve on various boards, commissions, and committees. He asked the City Clerk to educate the community on where the forms can be located on the city's webpage at www.belton.org

Mayor Davis announced that Karen Fletcher received the civic leadership award for Belton at the West Gate Missouri Municipal League dinner July 20 in Blue a great attitude. So many outstanding people in the Kansas City area were recognized by their cities at this event.

Mayor Davis said he along with Councilmen Fletcher and Peek and some staff members took a tour today of Kneaders. Jay Leipzig, Community and Economic Development Director, reported they are trying for an August 18 soft opening. This will be a great addition to the community.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Michel Doi, Public Works Director, reminded Council and staff of the wastewater treatment facility open house tomorrow evening from 4:00-8:00 P.M. It is very impressive and we are all very proud of it and the compost facility. The public is invited. Councilman Trutzel asked Mr.

Doi to inform the public how to get to the facility. Mr. Doi said turn right off 58 Highway onto Mullen Road and follow it until it dead ends.

Ms. Barton noted under the consent agenda was the Resolution approving the reorganization of city staff. She said community development will be separate from economic development. When Jay Leipzig took on the added duties of economic development it was a combined roll. He has done an outstanding job but as the city grows and expands there is so much commercial and some residential development and he will be focusing on that. His new title will be Director of Economic Development and Strategic Planning. It behooves the city to focus on that. We will be posting a job opening tomorrow for a Planning and Building Director. In addition to the reorganization we will add a position of a human resource coordinator. That position will answer to the City Manager. In the past that job fell under the assistant city manager. These additional positions come through attritions and everything will be done with budget.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Trutzel said in front of Fazoli's there is a section that never got sodded and it has weeds. Mr. Leipzig reported that area was sodded but the development plan of the prior city engineer removed the sod and planted buffalo grass. There are some weeds in there now with the buffalo grass and Zoysia grass that was planted and in the spring and fall the buffalo grass is very apparent. Police Chief James Person said when the police station was remodeled the plan called for removing the grass in between the police and fire station and planting buffalo grass. We did not do it and but planted buffalo grass around the exterior of the building. About two years ago we took it out because of complaints from residents why it's okay for the weeds at the police station but residents are ticketed for weeds.

Review of June 2017 Financial Report:

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, provided a quick review of the financial report. She said we are three months into the year. Looking at revenues, the positive variance and negative variance are almost even – the positive variance is \$14,000 ahead. Looks like we are trending and there is nothing to worry about at this time.

At 7:44 P.M., Councilman Trutzel moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to legal actions, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.1, and that the record be closed. Councilman Peek seconded. The following vote was recorded: Ayes: 7, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Fletcher, Newell, Peek, Savage, Lathrop and Trutzel; Noes: None; Absent: 2, Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn. Councilman Peek seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilmen Finn and VanWinkle absent. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor

