

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 27, 2017
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman VanWinkle led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmember present: Mayor Jeff Davis, Councilmen Finn, Fletcher, Lathrop, Newell, Peek, Savage, Trutzel, and VanWinkle. Also present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilman Savage moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a **motion approving the minutes of the June 13, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting; a motion approving the purchase of a secure email system from SHI International Corporation in the amount of \$3,322.80 that provides encryption of emails as mandated by the Criminal Justice Information Services and new state court rules for the Police Department and Municipal Court. In addition, there will be an installation fee of \$1,050.00; and a motion approving the purchase of the Ridgid SeeSnake CS10 Digital Recording Monitor system from Total Tool Supply, Inc. for \$11,100.94 for the Water Services Department.** Councilman Lathrop seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-69: **An ordinance approving a third amendment to the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between the City of Belton, Missouri and the Belton-Cass Regional Transportation Development District.** 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. 2017-69 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4368, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-70: **An ordinance authorizing and approving an affidavit of correction vacating and waiving right of the public in former right-of-way to Turner Road except that portion newly dedicated as public street and right-of-way in the final plat of Belton Gateway Addition Unit No. 2.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. **Councilman Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Finn seconded. All voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Councilman Savage said this has been briefly talked about, but he asked for further explanation. Megan McGuire, City Attorney, said when the Gateway Addition plat came before the Planning Commission and City Council it described in detail where the new road would be located. However, when it went through the closing it was recognized there was a section of old Turner Road not being used anymore. It didn't feel like it was quite explicit enough in its description so they came forward with an affidavit for that portion of the road that is no longer used and needed to be vacated. Mayor Davis said, ironically, in researching it, it used to be a farmers road and the city paved it and took care of. Councilman Savage said some of the businesses will be happy when it is open. Mayor Davis said the same thing with 155th Street. The improvements should help those businesses along North Scott. Councilman Savage said he truly believes some cones along I-49 would help route people through to North Scott. Councilman Newell asked what the time frame is on Turner Road reopening. Jay Leipzig, Community and Economic Development Director, said he believes it's November, but they might be ahead of schedule. Alexa Barton, City Manager, said she will verify that and provide information back to

the Council. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Finn, Peek, Lathrop, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Newell, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-70 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4369, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-71: **An ordinance of the city of Belton, Missouri authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Jim's Disposal Service, LLC for the provision of waste disposal services for the City of Belton, in accordance with the joint request for proposal with the City of Raymore, submitted for RFP 17-002.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Alexa Barton, City Manager, gave some background information and history on how we got here today. Councilman Lathrop clarified there is also a possible negotiation with the HOAs. According to Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri RSMo 260.247, cities are allowed to look at a centralized carrier for solid waste, but the city must declare its intent to carriers. A letter went out on July 28, 2014 notifying them of the city's intent. This gave the city two years to consider this and it gives the carriers two years notice; within the following year the city must enter into an agreement. The City will need to enter into a contract by July 28, 2017. The letter also explained if this contract was awarded, carriers would be required to provide refunds to customers who were in a contract with different carriers. The notice provided was clear on what the business impact is to them.

We worked to put together a contract from November 2016-January 2017 and it came about that Raymore was looking at rebidding their services and needed to be contracted by July. We put the bids together; there are over 7,500 households in both communities. It was a great experience between both teams; we had multiple sets of eyes looking at the contract. It turned out to be a good document and covered a lot of area; we got great responses. There's even a provision in the RFP (request for proposal) for a cooperative clause once one of cities enters into the contract, outlying cities can piggyback onto it but there could be a slight upcharge. It is up to them to negotiate the rate. There are other communities looking at the contract.

Ms. Barton said six companies responded, but one was nonresponsive and didn't provide a bid bond. On page 38 of the agenda packet are the rates per month. Jim's Disposal was the low bidder. The three lowest bidders were invited to come in. We did a complete reference check and saw that Jim's did not do much service in the southland, but they provide service in the northland. They also have a transfer and recycling center up off of 291/210 highway. If the Council awards the bid to Jim's Disposal the Council will have the opportunity to tour the facility and see the extent of their services.

Each household will receive two 65 gallon carts. They are planning to deliver up to 500 carts a day over a three week period of time. If a citizen would like something besides the standard 65 gallon cart, they will need to contact Jim's. If special assistance is needed, Jim's can pick up in front of a customer's house, however proof of limited liability due to health, age, or physical limits will be required and must be pre-arranged. Belton pick-up days will be Monday and Tuesday. Jim's Disposal does not recognize holidays and therefore, service will begin on Monday, January 1, 2018. Solid waste is unlimited as well as recycling and yard waste, but yard waste must be in lawn brown paper bags. Also, there will be two bulky trash pick-ups per year, however there is a limit on what items are accepted. The City will continue scheduling a once a year bulky drop off for electronics. We will also continue our partnership with MARC and the city of Raymore for household hazardous waste (HHW) drop off once a year. This year's HHW drop off event will be in Raymore in the fall. Yard waste collection with Jim's Disposal will start in March and goes to end of December. In January they will pick up Christmas trees. We will have a huge educational process to start notifying customers and educating them on solid waste services, who to contact, and the time frame.

Councilman Lathrop noted recycling is included in the monthly rate so residential customers should be encouraged to recycle as it helps the environment. He noted special pick up items had a \$25.00 per item charge in the contract and asked for clarification – is this per item or per pickup? Cleo Byrd, representative with Jim's Disposal, said he is sure it is per pick up. Ms. Barton clarified that special pick ups outside of the 2x per year limit will not be billed on the city bill but billed separately to the customer through Jim's Disposal. She also said the recycling center at the fire department will go away after January 1, 2018, since the contract in place includes recycling and encouraged residents to utilize the

curbside recycling. Councilman Savage asked how the yard waste will be handled. Ms. Barton said it is required to use the brown paper yard waste bags that are approximately 33x18 inches in size.

Ms. Barton said the contracted amount is \$12.41 a month. Staff recommendation is to not add an administration fee. When we talked with Raymore, they don't add an administration fee and have been providing the service for approximately five years. Councilman Savage asked what happens if customers don't pay? How is it handled? Ms. Barton said we can't turn off their water if they don't pay their trash bill, so what Raymore has done is place a lien on the individual property; that is also what Belton will do. If it is a rental property and the tenant does not pay the trash bill, we can't put a lien on a tenant so it will be placed on the landowner. Councilman Savage said he still has some concerns moving out folks that make a living here providing trash service and for people to make a choice in their trash provider.

Mayor Davis asked about a cancelation clause. Ms. Barton said she along with Michael Doi, Public Works Director, and Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, each have an intimate involvement in the service. There is an escape clause with 60 days written notice. There is a performance bond from the contract to allow time for a remedy should something happen. Ms. Barton said she attended last night's Raymore Council meeting; making a change is difficult they had a slight concern with Jim's Disposal as they have not provided service in the southland. But they have over 50,000 customers and they are well equipped to do the job. They have over 80 employees. At the end of the meeting she received a message from a couple Raymore councilmen informing her that it does get better. It's normal to have jitters but give it time. They have found over time that the citizens have said if it were reversed they wouldn't like because they like the service they receive.

Mayor Davis said regionalism is critical. If we all bond together we are more powerful as a group. Councilman Trutzel commended the work product and said it is very positive for Belton and working with Raymore was very helpful.

Mayor Davis said he was concerned about the elderly and handicapped but this is an outstanding program.

Councilman Newell asked what if commercial properties want to join, will the price be similar? Mr. Byrd, with Jim's Disposal, said he would assume it would be. He said we don't compare residential with commercial, but trash is trash and we would be competitive. Ms. Barton said the RFP centered on the residential side, not the commercial side, but we could look at some commercial businesses and possibly negotiate at another time. And what about HOAs? He said he is sure the price would be the same.

Councilman VanWinkle asked how many trucks will be in Belton on pick up days. Mr. Byrd said at least 4-5. Councilman VanWinkle said that highlights to him the pros of going this way, as it is a reduction of wear and tear on the streets. Councilman Savage said there will still be other waste haulers picking up for commercial buildings. He asked if there is information on the price increase over the long run. Ms. Barton said she only has it for a 5 year period of time. Michael Doi, Public Works Director, said the information he has over a six year period is an average of 5% increase. Mayor Davis asked who will be handling the compost and Mr. Byrd said Compost Connection out of Kansas City.

Vote on the first reading was then recorded with all voting in favor except Mayor Davis voting no. **Councilman Trutzel moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Fletcher seconded. All voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Finn. Mayor Davis said he voted against the first reading because all along he wanted this decision to go to the vote of the people, and that is why he voted against it, but we need to come to a consensus. He said he doesn't like too much government, but thinks this is a great plan and he thinks people are going to see it's a sizeable savings. Councilman Savage said this has been a big concern to him. He thought this decision came out of a committee to send it out to a vote of the people and he truly believes it should have been voted on by the people. He said he doesn't like doing this, but it seems like a reasonable deal. He said you have to weight the good with the bad. Mayor Davis said his biggest concern all along is that we have too many people that don't have trash service and they are dumping it out on the streets. We have got to clean up our city. This is a democracy and he respects all opinions. Ms. Barton said the average savings is

\$500/year. Mayor Davis said we eliminated “we the people,” but he supports it. He said he’s going to switch his vote on the final reading as we all have to be in agreement. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Finn, Peek, Lathrop, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Newell and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-71 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4370, subject to Mayoral veto.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-22: **A resolution approving an employer letter of support from the City of Belton in regard to the State of Missouri Department of Economic Development’s Certified Work Ready Communities Initiative that recognizes the value of the National Career Readiness Certificate.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Peek. Jay Leipzig, Director of Community and Economic Development, directed the Council to page 71 of the Council packet. He said this resolution authorizes the City of Belton to complete the Employer Partnership Letter in support of the ACT WorkKeys Assessment System and NCRC. The letter states that the City recognizes the value of the program as an indicator of workplace skills and will accept or request the NCRC when hiring employees. It is a countywide initiative and provides key component for us to do. Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Specialist, has been very actively involved and provided additional information to the Council on the program. She said it is a certified work ready national program led by ACT (American College Testing). She highlight that NCRC (National Career Readiness Certificate) is a portable, evidence-based credential that helps job seekers and current employees; individuals can earn this credential at the Missouri Job Center, Community College, and some high schools. It is designed to measure foundational and personal skills as they apply to the workplace. For employers, it will not guarantee that a worker has a specific skill, but at a minimum, this person is trainable; there are four NCRC levels, bronze, silver, gold and platinum which show the various levels of skills of potential employees. The Missouri initiative began in 2012. Ms. Barton added that if a potential employee comes in with a certificate it shows they have already been tested and it gives the company a leg up; they don’t have to do testing. Mayor Davis added it works closely with the schools and will identify what qualities they have and can help pay for college so they are getting the cream of the crop. He went on to say that 65% of kids are not getting college degrees and we have to be sending them trained and ready. It doesn’t necessarily mean they recruit the top. The School District has agreed and also signed a letter of support. He also said it makes it better for veterans and they try to make it easy for them to get in and get it taken care of. Being no further discussion, vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilman Peek, Park Board Liaison, said there was a Park Board meeting last week; there were huge weekend tournaments.

The Tree Board met last week and are working on short and long range plans with the consultant.

Councilman Newell said the Codes Committee meet a couple weeks ago. Jim Brown, Certified Building Official, provided very informative information on how codes are enforced and how long it takes from start to finish.

MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Davis announced that Homer Dunsworth of Peculiar passed away. He said he coached him in baseball. He was a guy great man and will be missed.

Community Days was this past weekend. We have a new Ms. Belton and she will be active with the Chamber of Commerce in ribbon cuttings. There was a car show Saturday. Bats and Brews was June 15. It was a great chamber event. There were former Royals players and as well as local people who played. It was a lot of fun and the Chamber did great job. We need to help it along next year.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Barton asked the City Clerk to report on some information from Summerfest. Ms. Ledford said staff received information that the canned goods collected during Summerfest were delivered to West Central Community Action Agency. They were thrilled to receive the donations of canned good as their shelves were almost bare.

Jay Leipzig, Director of Community and Economic Development, reported Krista Klaus, Public Information Officer, on Saturday announced the Belton Economic Development Facebook page is up and running and he encouraged people to like it. It will announce ribbon cuttings for new businesses coming in and will help spread word.

Michael Doi, Public Works Director, provided a brief update on Turner Road. It is anticipated the first part will be paved the beginning of October, but he doesn't expect it until December. They are working hard on it.

The Household Hazardous Waste event this year will be September 9, from 8:00 A.M. –noon at Eagle Glen Intermediate School in Raymore

The 155th street project is moving ahead of schedule.

The Wastewater Treatment Plant and Compost Facility is almost 99% complete. We hope to have an open house in the next few weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Lathrop asked for discussion and clarification on the Johnson property on Commercial Street. Ms. Barton said she will get an update and get back to him on that. Councilman Savage said it was mentioned we were going to draw folks together from that area to discuss the issues. Has it gone any further than that to gain a selective solution? Ms. Barton said she will discuss it next week and get information back them on that.

Councilman Lathrop asked if we still have Channel 2 TV as he received some complaints the meetings were not airing. It was confirmed the meetings are running, they just run at prescribed times.

Review of May 2017 Financial Report:

Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, provided a quick review of the financial report focusing on the general fund. She said the cash balances in the general fund are about \$23,000 less than last year's budget but the budget called for drawing down reserves. There is nothing to be concerned about as it is still early in the budget.

Proclamation for National Parks and Recreation Month – July 2017

Councilman Peek read a proclamation proclaiming July as Parks and Recreation month. Perry Gough, Park Board President was present to receive the proclamation. Mr. Gough said we have a tremendous park system, park board, and fantastic staff.

Mayor Davis recognized a Boy Scout in the audience, Mark Lewis.

At 8:13 P.M., Councilman Newell moved to enter into 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: 9, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Newell, VanWinkle, Peek and Finn; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 9:07 P.M. Being no further business Councilman Newell moved to adjourn. Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor