

**MINUTES OF THE  
BELTON CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2017  
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN STREET  
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman Newell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Mayor Davis informed the Council there will not be a work session on April 4<sup>th</sup> because it is Election Day. There will be a work session prior to the Council meeting on April 11 from 6:00-6:45 P.M.

**ORDINANCES:**

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, read Bill No. 2017-34: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its Police Department to renew a maintenance and support agreement with Morphotrak, LLC for the automated fingerprint identification system.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Peek. Police Chief James Person said they have had a fingerprinting machine for at least 10 years. It was granted to us from the Department of Public Safety through the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. The offices are headquartered in the Missouri Highway Patrol building and they are the only authorized vendor for the system in Missouri. Although we have been granted the machine we still have to pay the annual maintenance on it and it goes up every year because the cost of maintenance goes up. We are requesting both readings tonight because if it is not paid by the end of March there will be a 10% penalty. Councilman Finn asked if we know how much it will be next year. Chief Person said the State and Morphotrak are trying to push agencies into a new program where instead of owning machines and paying maintenance agreements, you pay an annual subscription which includes maintenance, new machines and annual updates. Right now that is about \$6,500 a year and as long as the maintenance agreements are less than we are committed to continue what we are currently doing. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman Savage absent. **Councilman Newell moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Peek seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilman Savage absent. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilman Finn, Peek, Mayor Davis, Councilman Trutzel, Fletcher, Newell, VanWinkle, and Lathrop; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Savage. Bill No. 2017-34 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4326, subject to Mayoral veto.

Mayor Davis asked Jay Leipzig, Community and Economic Development Director to inform the Council of an article in the Kansas City Business Journal. Mr. Leipzig said in the latest edition of the Kansas City Business Journal Belton was listed as the 25th fastest growing cities in the Kansas City area. The percentage of growth is 2.3% and by that ranking Belton was #8.

Mayor Davis noted that of the 25 cities listed, only two cities were on the Missouri side, 23 were in Kansas.

At 7:13 P.M. Councilman Lathrop moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the leasing, purchase or sale of Real Estate, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.2; matters pertaining to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of personnel, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.3; and matters pertaining to preparation, including any discussion or work product, on behalf of a public governmental body or its representatives for negotiations with employee groups according to Missouri Statute 610.021.9, and that the record be closed. Councilman Trutzel seconded. The following vote was recorded: Ayes: 8, Councilmen Lathrop, Trutzel, Peek, Mayor Davis, Councilmen VanWinkle, Newell, Fletcher, and Finn; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Savage.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:29 P.M. Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn. Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Councilman Savage absent. Meeting adjourned.

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Patti Ledford, City Clerk

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Jeff Davis, Mayor