

**MINUTES OF THE  
BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 28, 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 Ryan Finn, Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Bob Newell, Lorrie Peek, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, and Dean VanWinkle. Also present: Alexa Barton, Acting City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Patti Ledford, City Clerk.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Councilman Lathrop moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion **approving the minutes of the March 14, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting and the March 21, 2017, City Council Special Meeting; a motion approving the February 2017 Municipal Police Judge's Report; a motion approving Resolution R2017-06: A resolution reappointing Bobby Davidson and Gary Lathrop to the Building and Fire Prevention Codes Board of Adjustment; and a motion approving renewal of Blue Cross & Blue Shield employee provided health insurance; USABLE employee provided long term disability insurance; Delta Dental employee provided dental insurance; and Superior Vision employee provided vision insurance beginning July 1, 2017.** Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES:**

**Diane Huckshorn**, Chamber of Commerce (323 Main Street) was present on behalf of herself and Scott Woodward of Family Tree Furniture and Willow Rose (401 & 402 Main Street) to request street closure of Loop Road from 3:00-8:00 P.M. on May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 21, 2017 for "Junk in the Trunk." They are requesting the closure of Loop Road, instead of Main Street like last year, to try to keep as much of traffic off of Main Street. She said the event went well last year and hopefully it will be even bigger this year. **Councilman Newell moved to approve the closure of Loop Road on May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, and October 21, 2017 for "Junk in the Trunk" from 3:00-8:00 P.M..** Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Ms. Huckshorn also informed the Council of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cass County Job Fair and Business Expo this Saturday at Belton High School. About 55 businesses from all over area will be in attendance. She typed up a list of job categories and there are almost 40 different jobs. She encouraged all of the Council to help by sharing the post. We are doing our best to showcase the county, city, and businesses. The event opens at 9:00 A.M. Vendors will be setting up from 7:00-9:00 A.M., and breakfast will be served while the vendors are being set up.

**Bill Peek** – President of the Fraternal Order of Police and Officers Association was present on behalf of the association. He acknowledged the City Council will be hearing the ordinance tonight to approve the labor agreement between the City and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #50. He thanked Mike Clark and Shane Trotter for their involvement in the negotiations and also

thanked Alexa Barton, Acting City Manager, Megan McGuire, City Attorney, and Police Chief James Person for going through the process with them. This was a first for their association and a positive step going forward. He thanked them for working with them and looks forward to doing it again in the future.

## **ORDINANCES:**

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-26: **An ordinance accepting the recommendations of the Assistant City Manager of Belton, Missouri, and authorizing the execution of the First Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing contract between the City and Herman Enterprises, LLC. for implementation of Redevelopment Project 3 of the Plan.** 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. 2017-26 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4327, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-27: **An ordinance accepting the recommendations of the Assistant City Manager of Belton, Missouri, and authorizing the execution of the First Amendment to the Tax Increment Financing contract between the City and Menard, Inc. for implementation of Redevelopment Projects 1 and 2 of the Plan.** Presented by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Newell, Finn, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Peek, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-27 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4328, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-28: **An ordinance approving the reappropriation & revision of the City of Belton fiscal year 2017 adopted City budget.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Newell, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Finn and Peek; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-28 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4329, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-29: **An ordinance authorizing and approving a Public Services Agreement between the City of Belton, Missouri and Downtown Main Street, Inc. to provide public services support for the Fall Festival in Belton, Missouri in September 2017.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Peek, VanWinkle, Savage, Trutzel, Newell, Finn, Fletcher, Mayor Davis, and Councilman Lathrop; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-29 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4330, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-30: **An ordinance extending and amending the Farm Lease Agreement with Danny Chevalier to continue leasing the City property adjacent to Markey Road for planting, cultivating and harvesting agricultural crops.** Presented by Councilman VanWinkle, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. 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. 2017-30 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4331, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-31: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its Police Department to purchase an upgrade for the phone system software through Dice Communications.** Presented by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Savage, Peek, Newell, Finn, Fletcher, Lathrop, Trutzel, and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-31 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4332, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-32: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its Police Department to purchase an upgrade to the phone system to include IP based extensions and soft phones through Dice Communications.** Presented by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Newell. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen VanWinkle, Savage, Peek, Newell, Finn, Fletcher, Lathrop, Trutzel, and Mayor Davis; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-32 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4333, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-35: **An ordinance authorizing and approving the city of Belton, Missouri through its Fire Department to enter into a professional services agreement for Medical Director services with Dr. Erik J. Stamper, D. O.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-36: **An ordinance authorizing and approving a software licensing agreement between the city of Belton, Missouri, through its Fire Department, and Imagetrend, Inc. for the licensing, maintenance and support of the departmental reporting system.** Presented by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-37: **An ordinance of the city of Belton, Missouri authorizing and approving an agreement award to J. M. Fahey Construction Co. for the STP 3356 (403) Belton Nexus Trail project in the amount of \$450,711.96.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Finn. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-38: **An ordinance approving the final plat of Traditions 2<sup>nd</sup> plat, tract p, a 1.85-acre tract of land, located on part of government lot 2 of the SW ¼ of section 18, township 46 north, range 32 west, in the city of Belton, Cass County, Missouri.** Presented by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Finn. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-39: **An ordinance authorizing and approving an amendment to the SunGard Public Sector, Inc. agreement-schedule "A" and the purchase of Analytics NOW software module for the Finance Department.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, said SunGard is discontinuing the support of Cognos and switching to Analytics. This program allows staff to get reports from the utility billing software. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

Councilman Peek said before the reading of Bill No. 2017-40 and participating in the discussion and vote on the FOP labor agreement, she wants to declare her son, Bill Peek, is an officer with the Belton Police Department. However, under the laws of Missouri and the City of Belton, this does not create a conflict of interest. Councilman Peek has been advised that she has a duty to vote and to fulfill the obligations of her office and represent her constituents. Bill Peek is not a dependent child, nor does she or her husband have any business dealings with Bill. She has not received any campaign contributions or special treatment from Bill, any police officer, or the FOP. Therefore, she will be participating in the discussion and voting on the labor agreement.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-40: **An ordinance authorizing and approving the labor agreement between the city of Belton, Missouri and the Fraternal Order of Police West Central Missouri Regional Lodge #50.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. **Councilman Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Trutzel seconded. All voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Newell, Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Finn, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Peek and Mayor Davis; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2017-40 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4334, subject to Mayoral veto.

#### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-07: **A resolution authorizing the offering for sale of general obligation refunding bonds for the benefit of the City of Belton, Missouri.** Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-08: **A resolution authorizing the offering for sale of refunding certificates of participation for the benefit of the City of Belton, Missouri.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

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

Councilman Peek reported the Tree Board met on March 16. Plans are underway for Arbor Day on April 22. The Mayor will read a proclamation. There will be a dedication of a tree planted in memory of Dodie Maurer.

There will be a community health fair April 22 at High Blue Wellness Center. There are only 6 remaining weekends open in 2017 at Memorial Station. A Summerfest is planned for June 2 from 5:00-10:00 P.M. There will be food trucks, kids' activities, and a concert by the BlackJackets. The City will be joining in for the first half the event which will be replacing the citizen appreciation fair.

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

Alexa Barton, Acting City Manager, introduced Michael Christopher the new assistant city engineer. She said he is a welcome addition to the city and she is so happy he is here. With his hard work this is why the Nexus trail project is on the agenda this evening. He has done a fabulous job and we welcome him to the City and we will be seeing a lot more of him.

Ms. Barton said with Council consent, she would like to consider omitting the second work session of the month, which falls on the third Tuesday. It is her understanding from staff that many years ago there was only one work session a month. There are other meetings throughout the week and this will provide a better work/life balance. She said if there is a situation where we have something come up, we can always add it back. There was discussion. **Councilman Finn moved to omit the second work session of the month, as needed.** Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

At 7:27 P.M., Councilman Trutzel 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 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 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 Savage, Peek, Newell, Finn, Fletcher, Lathrop, Trutzel and VanWinkle; Noes: None; Absent: None.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:17 P.M. Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn. Councilman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Patti Ledford, City Clerk

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Jeff Davis, Mayor