

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 7, 2017
CITY HALL ANNEX
520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

The public hearing was held to receive public input on the proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018.

Police Chief James Person commended Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, during this budgeting process. She has done a good job.

Being no public input, the public hearing was declared closed at 7:08 P.M.

Mayor Davis called the special meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.

Councilman Fletcher 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 Tim Savage. Councilman absent: Dean Van Winkle. Also present: Alexa Barton, Acting City Manager; Megan McGuire, City Attorney; and Andrea Cunningham, Executive Secretary.

ORDINANCES:

Andrea Cunningham, Executive Secretary, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-14: **An ordinance amending Sections: 42-36, Rates Inside the City; 42-38, Water Rates for Approved Water Districts or Local Governments; 42-39, Rates for Water Consumed Outside City; 42-296, Sewer System User Rates; of the Unified Development Code of the City of Belton, Missouri.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Lathrop, Peek, Finn, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Newell, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: Councilman Van Winkle. Bill No. 2017-14 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinances No. 2017-4318, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-17: **An ordinance amending Appendix A. Part I. - Code of Ordinances of the City of Belton, Missouri, Ambulance Charges for Services.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. The Mayor asked if this is what the Council wants to do. Alexa Barton, Acting City Manager, said Norman Larkey, Fire Chief, compared our fees with others in the local area. 65% of the fees are paid by Medicaid and Medicare; 35% is private or self-pay. Councilman Savage said it seems there is a problem with this. Ms. Ernzen said ambulance fee deficits are paid through user fees and taxes. We're increasing the rates to more accurately reflect the service. FY2011 was the last time we increased the rate. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 7, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Lathrop, Peek, Finn, Newell, and Mayor Davis; Noes: 1, Councilman Savage; Absent:

Councilman Van Winkle. Bill No. 2017-17 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinances No. 2017-4319, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-23: **An ordinance approving a lease agreement with Canon Solutions America, Inc. For a Canon 7570 copier for City Hall to replace the current Canon 7270 copier.** Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilman Trutzel. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Peek, Fletcher, Finn, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Newell, and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: Councilman Van Winkle. Bill No. 2017-23 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinances No. 2017-4320, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Cunningham read Bill No. 2017-25: **An ordinance approving the proposed Fiscal Year 2018 City Budget, as revised, and appropriating funds from the revenues of the City.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilman Peek. Ms. Ernzen said there was prior Council discussion of amending the Legislative budget to increase the travel expense (increase of \$5,290) and training (increase of \$4,844) budget back to the original request and reduce the amount budgeted for public information (decrease of \$11,000) by removing the amount related to voter education for a trash ballot item. This would be a total net decrease of \$866. If this is what you'd like, a motion to amend will be necessary. She reminded the Council that this ordinance title reads "as revised" because of the water rate decrease changes already made. **Councilman Lathrop moved to amend Bill No. 2017-25 by increasing the travel expense budget by \$5,290; by increasing the training budget by \$4,844; and decreasing the public information budget by \$11,000.** Councilman Savage seconded. All voted in favor of the amendment. Councilman Lathrop said the original amount in the budget would only allow a few to attend training and conferences. This amendment will allow more councilmen to attend. Councilman Savage questioned if the training sessions have merit and provide real-life information that can be brought back and implemented in the City. Councilmen Lathrop and Newell both said yes. Vote on the first reading, as amended, was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman Van Winkle absent. First reading passed.

At 7:38 P.M. Councilman Savage moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.13, and that the record be closed. Councilman Trutzel seconded. The following vote was recorded; Ayes: 8, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Savage, Peek, Finn, Newell, Lathrop; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman Van Winkle.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:10 P.M. Being no further business, Councilman Peek moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Finn. All present voted in favor. Councilman Van Winkle absent. Meeting adjourned.

Andrea Cunningham, Executive Secretary

Jeff Davis, Mayor