

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2017
CITY HALL ANNEX
520 MAIN STREET, BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Boy Scouts Travis Jones and Von Morton of Troop 510 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jeff Davis, Councilmen Ryan Finn, Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Lorrie Peek, Bob Newell, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, and Dean 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 September 26, 2017, City Council Regular Meeting; and a motion approving the August 2017 Municipal Police Judge's Report.** Councilman Lathrop seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES:

Jack Conine (17401 S Benton Drive) – appeared before the Council regarding the street conditions in West Belton. He said he asked Mayor Davis about the road conditions and said Mayor Davis answered its rough, but West Belton is drugs. Mr. Conine said he takes that as an insult.

Also, the ditches need cleaned, it was supposed to be done when the sewers were put in. Mr. Conine said he talked with Michael Doi, Public Works Director, about it and he is aware it is on the docket for next year.

Mayor Davis said his comment was taken out of context. When he talks about the drugs in Belton it has nothing to do with streets. It was a miscommunication and we will have to agree to disagree. The needs have been addressed and we will work with you any way we can. He apologized for the miscommunication.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk, gave the final reading of Bill No. 2017-87: **An ordinance authorizing the City of Belton, Missouri through its municipal court to approve the license and services agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc. to purchase Brazos eCitation mobile application software.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Savage. 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. 2017-87 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4388, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-90: **An ordinance authorizing and approving the Masters Transportation special right-of-way directional sign agreement between Grace Property and Investment, Inc., and the City of Belton, Missouri to issue a sign and a right-of-way permit under the terms and conditions of this agreement for a directional sign in the 163rd Street right-of-way.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Peek. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Savage, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Councilman VanWinkle asked if the Council got the dimensions on the sign. Megan McGuire, City Attorney, said we don't have them yet; we are working to get them. John Goodbrake with Masters Transportation said they don't have the exact dimensions yet. 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. 2017-90 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4389, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2017-91: **An ordinance authorizing and directing the issuance, sale and delivery of not to exceed \$15,420,000 principal amount of General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2017, of the City of Belton, Missouri; and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Councilman Lathrop said he had a few questions before the meeting, but those have been addressed regarding the amount of the bonds. Sheila Ernzen, Finance Director, said these are the refunding bonds issued previously. We also are issuing \$2.1 million for streets. Councilman Savage asked what the estimated savings is. Ms. Ernzen said a little over \$1 million dollars which varies on the market conditions. That is why we have asked for two readings tonight. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Councilman Lathrop moved to hear the final reading. Councilman VanWinkle seconded. All voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. 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. 2017-91 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2017-4390, subject to Mayoral veto.

RESOLUTIONS:

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2017-43, as amended: **A resolution of the City of Belton, Missouri City Council amending Resolution 2017-36 to increase the number of Charter Review Commission members; and approve appointments to the Charter Review Commission, as required by Section 15.8 of the Belton City Charter.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Peek, Park Board Liaison, gave a report:

- An exciting piece of history will be coming to Belton Memorial Park. The 1830's Sloan-Tribby log cabin. The Cass County Historical Society Executive Director Don Peters will be at Memorial Station, Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 P.M. to make a presentation on the cabin. It is open to the public.
- The Belton VFW Post #8220 donated \$10,000 to the Belton Park Department to build a POW/MIA rose garden at Memorial Park. It will be a fantastic addition to the Park.

- There is a Bel-Ray Lions Club sign by the activity/family game area in Memorial Park. Their donation of \$10,000 is for the naming rights and to help with events in this area. The sign that was erected was an Eagle Scout project of Josh Fyffe.
- The Park Department is organizing this year's Veteran's Day parade. It will be November 4 at 10:00 A.M. All entries need to visit www.beltonparks.org for more information or contact Shane DeWald at 816-348-7400.
- The Tree Board strategic planning interviews are still going on
- The Belton Tree Board is accepting tree nominations for the 2017 Blue Ribbon Tree Program. Nominations will be accepted through November 30. Nomination forms can be picked up at High Blue Wellness Center, City Hall, or by emailing beltontreeboard@gmail.com. For questions call 816.331.0336 or email beltontreeboard@gmail.com.

Mayor Davis said the log cabin history dates back to the Civil War. It's a great story on how it was found inside another house and was still intact. It is the same site where one of the bills was signed at the conclusion of the Civil War. It is a great keepsake for the community. Mayor Davis said we are thankful for the VFW donation of \$10,000 for the POW/MIA rose garden. The Bel-Ray Lions Club sign looks great.

Alexa Barton, City Manager, said Gary Mallory is working in conjunction with the Shane DeWald and Vanda Meehan at the Park Department on the Veteran's Day Parade.

Perry Gough, Park Board President, said Pumpkin Palooza will October 28 from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at Memorial Park. There will be a trunk or treat. It's open to the public and will be a great event.

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Davis asked Carolyn Yatsook, Director of Economic Development, for an economic development update:

- Aldi will have a tentative re-opening October 18; grand re-opening November 1.
- Received preliminary plan remodel of Beautiful Savior at Cedar and Cambridge. It is a \$2.9 million dollar project. These two projects will not be going through Planning Commission or City Council so we wanted to make you aware of that.
- Twin Oaks at 58 and North Scott, Star Properties, are doing interior demolition and exterior remodel. It's exciting especially in light of the North Scott Corridor plan.
- Strategic Plan with Ady Advantage is moving forward and asked that the Council sign up for a time slot in order for the plan to move forward.

Mayor Davis asked about the old Bob Evan's building. Ms. Yatsook said she is not at liberty to say at this point. He also said rumor is that a Hawaiian restaurant is going in where Long John Silvers/A&W Root Beer was located. He asked for an update on Taco Bueno. Dave Clements, Director of Planning and Building said they have an onsite meeting Thursday afternoon with the owners and the insurance company in hopes of getting a resolution.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Michael Doi, Public Works Director, updated the Council on the Belton Gateway project. It is moving forward and nearing completion to turn over to tenants hopefully by December. Turner Road is being paved. The East Pacific project should be paved by the end of next week.

Councilman Newell asked if anything else is scheduled for Turner Road. Mr. Doi said not at this time.

Mayor Davis asked about the 155th Street project. Mr. Doi said the majority of work is done, they have some minor work to complete. They are working on coordinating a ribbon cutting with Missouri Department of Transportation. The roundabout on the east side is open. The bridge deadline is December of this year.

Police Chief James Person invited the Council to two events to kickoff Red Ribbon week. The police department partners with Belton Cares and this Friday morning will be a kickoff breakfast at the police station from 7:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. We are also partnering with Belton Cares and the Chamber of Commerce they will have a tailgate event at the football stadium before the football game October 13. They didn't have a National Night Out event because it is in August and typically it is extremely hot that time of year so we are holding this event. We will be grilling hotdogs and have chips and water. These events kickoff the activities of Red Ribbon Week which is next week.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Savage asked that the City Council receive the information of the Charter Commission Review meetings.

Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. Councilwoman Peek seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor