

**MINUTES OF THE  
BELTON CITY COUNCIL  
PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2018  
CITY HALL ANNEX  
520 MAIN STREET, BELTON, MISSOURI**

Mayor Davis called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 P.M.

This public hearing was held to receive public input on the proposed Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2019.

Being no input the public hearing was declared closed at 7:03 P.M.

The public hearing was adjourned and the Council returned to the budget work session.

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 7:26 P.M.

Councilwoman Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Jeff Davis, Councilmen Ryan Finn, Jeff Fletcher, Gary Lathrop, Bob Newell, Councilwoman Lorrie Peek, Councilmen 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 January 23, 2018 City Council Regular Meeting and the January 30, 2018 and February 6, 2018 City Council Special Meetings; a motion approving the purchase of an in-car video system from WatchGuard for \$5,170 for the police department; a motion approving Resolution R2018-11: A resolution approving Michael Christopher, Acting City Engineer, as authorized representative/daily contact person for the City of Belton, Missouri Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) site improvements project funded through Missouri Wastewater State Revolving Fund Loan Program under the terms of the Missouri clean water law; a motion approving Resolution R2018-12: A resolution reappointing Patte' Klaus-Schreihofner to the University of Missouri extension council.** Councilman Lathrop seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

**ORDINANCES;**

Patti Ledford, City Clerk gave the final reading of Bill No. 2018-06: **An ordinance approving a TIPS hotline contract with the Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Newell, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, VanWinkle, Councilwoman Peek, and Councilman Savage; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2018-06 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance

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No. 2018-4408, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2018-07: **An ordinance of the City of Belton, Missouri authorizing**

**and approving change order No. 4 with Foley Company for the wastewater treatment facility improvements project construction contract for the reduced amount of \$181,332.19.** Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Michael Christopher, Assistant City Engineer, said the funds were State Revolving Funds and this project came in under budget on the wastewater treatment facility in the amount of \$181,332.19. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 9, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Newell, Mayor Davis, Councilmen VanWinkle, Finn, and Councilwoman Peek; Noes: None; Absent: None. Bill No. 2018-07 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2018-4409, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2018-08: **An ordinance approving a renewed and upgraded service agreement between the City of Belton, Missouri and Charter Communications Operating, LLC to support the internet services and interconnections at and between multiple city department locations.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading passed.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2018-13: **A resolution approving Task Agreement #2018-1 with Trekk Design Group to perform evaluation and engineering investigations for the Hargis Lake and surrounding neighborhoods sanitary sewer in a not-to-exceed amount of \$38,477.15.** Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Lathrop. Mayor Davis said this is his neighborhood and asked why we are doing this. Michael Christopher, Assistant City Engineer, said we have received several complaints from concerned citizens. Several years ago there were some flooding issues that arose. Trekk was hired and they found that surcharging did happen along the sewer line and there is a sizeable trunk line. Through this investigation we hope to do a study that through many phases will present itself early in our investigation so we can properly address the issue and come up with a design to solve whatever it may be.

Mayor Davis said the problem is that the sewage comes up through their backyards and it's a real problem. We need to figure out something pronto. This is a worthy study.

Councilman Lathrop asked if we are we talking about storm water infiltrating. Mr. Christopher said there are several issues and we don't want to totally blame the storm water. There could be an unidentified object or root ball that made itself into a crucial part of the system and it is compounding the issue on top of the storm water issue. Councilman Lathrop asked about the smoke test and Mr. Christopher said it will check for infiltration.

Councilman Trutzel clarified this will deal with the flooding issue that is prevalent in this area as this has been an extensive number of years that we have had problems in this area. Mr. Christopher said as a whole, we are dealing with sewer and storm water, but this will be focusing on our sewer system. It is using our public I&I funds so it is only slated for sewer. We hope to make sure that on top of the storm water issue that they experience and surcharging of the sewer that the problems are fixed. We have funds at moment that allow us to investigate and design and repair so this is a starting point, stated Mr. Christopher.

Ms. Barton said the midterm plan is to look at the sanitary sewer; the long term plan is to look at

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the storm water and how we are coming into those high amounts of water causing the flooding and come up with different scenarios to try to address it. One being some type of retention pools on school property in that area that can help alleviate some of that in Hargis Lake, as well as

some other scenarios.

Vote on the resolution was then recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution approved.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2018-14: **A resolution of the City of Belton, Missouri authorizing and approving the renewal of supplemental agreement No. 1 to service agreement for on-call water, wastewater, and stormwater services between the City of Belton and Wiedenmann, Inc. for a term of one (1) year with the option of up to three (3) additional one (1) year renewals.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Councilman Savage said he realizes this is a renewal but still looks at the numbers and questions them. He feels \$255.00/hr. is not realistic – is he looking at the numbers correctly? Mr. Christopher said the amounts are the emergency costs in which a higher rate is paid. There was considerable discussion pertaining to the high rates. Ms. Barton said considering the increased amount why do we feel it necessary to look at Wiedenmann – what do they bring to the table? Mr. Christopher said the work they have done has always been superior and completed quickly. They have years of very favorable reviews and timeliness for emergencies. They have always been good to the City. Mr. Christopher went on to explain that they are on-call for others in the KC metro area, including Lee’s Summit. They are in high demand because of their quality of work. Councilman Savage said he would like staff to check and see if those are fair rates on the equipment side. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

Ms. Ledford read Resolution R2018-15: **A resolution formally accepting the Traditions Subdivision new public infrastructure of 7,165 feet of water line; 10,666 feet of sanitary sewer line; 4,804 feet of storm sewer line; 13,479 lane feet of street; ten stop signs; and two yield signs with two-year maintenance bonds in the amount of \$44,855.00.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

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

Perry Gough, Park Board President, gave a brief report. The Park Board meeting on February 19 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 20 due to the President’s Day holiday.

Resumes are being received for the Park Director position and the personnel committee will be lining up interviews. Jason Williams started as recreation manager officially today.

#### **MAYORS COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Davis said the first play was held at the Main Street Theater – Love Letters– opened February 9 & 10. It was a huge success. He thanked the Rob and Pam Powell for their great effort and encouraged people to support the theatre.

The Lions Club held their chili cook-off Saturday, February 10.

Mayor Davis thanked staff, friends, and Councilmembers who came to support his family during  
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the death of his mother-in-law.

#### **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Mayor Davis asked Ms. Barton to explain the use tax and why it is so critical. Ms. Barton said she and Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, attended the joint Chamber event with Grandview. The use tax passed in Grandview and the Grandview Chamber supported the initiative as did the school district. She said she had a nice conversation with the President of the Grandview Chamber of Commerce and asked about their involvement. The Grandview Chamber said the businesses in the Chamber supported the passage of the use tax which in return is supportive to the City. The use tax equalizes the playing field of out of state companies vs. local companies. We will be producing a fact brochure and have a website that will take individuals to that. Mayor Davis said there will be an article coming out next week in the newspaper. Ms. Barton said we hope to build synergy. Mayor Davis asked for the breakdown in our local sales tax. Ms. Ernzen said the city portion of the sales tax is 2.75% - general sales tax is 1% which funds 60% of fire and police, ½ cent park; ½ cent capital improvement; ¼ cent fire' ½ cent transportation.

Listed below are the February and March meetings:

February & March 2018 meetings

2/27 regular session – 7:00 pm

3/6 work session – 7:00 pm

3/13 regular session – 7:00 pm

3/27 regular session – 7:00 pm

Ms. Barton said the 2017 Economic Development Annual report was presented at the Belton Chamber meeting today. She wanted the Council to be the first to see it but being that the topic at the lunch today was economic development she felt it was the perfect time to present it. She said the report is available on the website and there are copies available at city hall and city hall annex.

Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, presented the 2017 Annual Economic Development report with the high notes:

- Calendar year \$20 million in residential development
- Commercial \$12 million construction value
- Brief update on Gateway - Petco will be the first store to open at the end of Feb 26-28
- Five Below March 2
- Marshal's March 8
- Ross Dress for Less and Party City don't yet have the opening information
- Fairfield Inn waiting on land disturbance permit
- Cracker Barrel will break ground April Hawaiian Bros. opened February 9
- Panera plans to open in April
- Redevelopment at 316 N. Scott, D&D Plumbing. She clarified the North Scott Corridor Plan, it can be as simple as renovating a building already there. Parcel by parcel we will get cleaned up and it will be fantastic.
- Twin Oaks is moving along and the North Scott corridor is seeing activity.

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Mayor Davis clarified that the City does not provide TIF's to hotels or restaurants. The Fairfield Inn is in a CID and the money received from the CID goes towards the construction of the road behind Walgreens, Arby's and Chipotle.

He commended Ms. Yatsook and staff for doing a great job. He also mentioned a great review of the 155<sup>th</sup> Street overpass/divergabout.

Ms. Barton noted that the February 27 meeting time should be amended to 6:30 P.M. to continue through the budget.

Ms. Barton provided to the Council a handout on the household hazardous waste (HHW) which shows where mobile events were held, the number of vehicles serviced, and other programs and locations.

Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn at 8:07 P.M. Councilman Trutzel seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned.

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Patti Ledford, City Clerk

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Jeff Davis, Mayor