

**MINUTES OF THE
BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
CITY HALL ANNEX, 520 MAIN 520 MAIN STREET
BELTON, MISSOURI**

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

Councilman Trutzel 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, and Chet Trutzel. Absent: Councilman 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 February 13, 2018, City Council Regular Meeting; a motion approving the January 2018 Municipal Police Judge's Report; and a motion approving a temporary liquor permit for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 312 Main Street, for a beer garden in their parking lot for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 17, 2018, contingent upon obtaining their state liquor permit.** Seconded by Councilwoman Peek. All present voted in favor. Councilman VanWinkle absent. Consent agenda approved.

ORDINANCES:

Patti Ledford, City Clerk gave the final reading of 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 Newell, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. There was some discussion pertaining to the totals. Ms. Barton explained the charges and the savings. Vote on the final reading was recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilmen Newell, Finn, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Lathrop, Fletcher, Peek and Savage; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman VanWinkle. Bill No. 2018-08 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2018-4410, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2018-09: **An ordinance approving a renewed and upgraded service agreement between the city of Belton, Missouri and NSI Holdings of Kansas, Inc. to provide remote data backup and disaster replication services for City Hall, Annex, Fire Stations 1&2, and Water/Street departments.** Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman Savage. Mayor Davis asked if this includes all departments. Ms. Barton said the police have their own separate system. Councilman Trutzel asked if the park department is part of this. Ms. Barton said she will verify but it does not appear to be. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all present voting in favor. Councilman VanWinkle absent. First reading passed.

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Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2018-10: **An ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to submit**

grant applications to the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDot) Division of Highway Safety for 2018-2019. Presented by Councilman Newell, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. Police Chief James Person requested both readings due to the March 1st deadline. This is for the annual traffic safety grants through the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety Grants. The DUI funds are still available but not for sobriety check points. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Councilman VanWinkle absent. **Councilwoman Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman Trutzel seconded. All present voted in favor. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilwoman Peek, seconded by Councilman Savage. The Council was polled and the following vote recorded; Ayes: 8, Councilwoman Peek, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Finn, Lathrop, Newell, Trutzel, Savage, and Fletcher; Noes: None; Absent: 1, Councilman VanWinkle. Bill No. 2018-10 was declared passed and in full force and effect as Ordinance No. 2018-4411, subject to Mayoral veto.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2018-11: **An ordinance approving a contract between the City of Belton and Earthworks Excavation and Associates, LLC to provide demolition of dangerous residential structures services on an as needed basis.** Presented by Councilman Finn, seconded by Councilwoman Peek. There was discussion about the bid as it relates to asbestos removal square foot vs. lineal foot. Jim Brown, Building Official, explained square foot is for siding and those types of things; lineal foot for example is for glazing around windows. Councilman Savage asked about liquidated damages. Mr. Brown said it is \$250.00 per day. Mr. Brown also said this is comparable pricing. The cost of asbestos abatement continues to rise and we don't have any control over that. There was some Council concern that 9 contractors showed up for the pre-bid meeting, but only one contractor bid on the project. Mr. Brown said that for many of the contractors this is not how they make a living. When there is plenty of work the bids are few and far between. When the economy is bad there are more bids. Councilman Savage asked when we are abating does it go against the property owner. Mr. Brown said yes. Councilman Savage asked about the landfill cost. Mr. Brown said it is for a 90 cubic foot vessel load at \$2,011.96. Councilman Savage said he doesn't see it in the contract and asked that it be added for the final reading. Mr. Brown said it would be added. Councilman Trutzel asked who will make the initial assessment. Mr. Brown said the Department of Natural Resources will be the point of contact and make the initial assessment. Vote on the first reading was then recorded with all voting in favor. Councilman VanWinkle absent. First reading passed.

Ms. Ledford read Bill No. 2018-12: **An ordinance amending sections 1-5; 4-1 (d) (10); 6-4 (h); 26-4 (g); 26-5 (4); 26-8 (b); 40-1 (h); 40-3 (5); 40-4 (3); and 40-4 (14) of the Unified Development Code to eliminate inconsistencies and provide language that is easier to understand for all users of the code.** Presented by Councilwoman Peek, seconded by Councilman Savage. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Councilman VanWinkle absent. First reading passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS:

Councilwoman Peek, Park Board Liaison, said resumes are in for the Park Director position and the Park Board did approve the budget presented to City Council.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Davis announced that Fire Chief Norman Larkey was nominated by Smokey Dire, and

elected to serve as the Missouri State Fire Chiefs Association Regional Director.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Barton informed the Council with approval of the Use Tax being placed on the April ballot, factual based information will be coming from an article from the Mayor and a press release. She said she received a call from KMBZ radio station regarding the Use Tax and the intent of what Belton wants to do with that money. It will air in the morning on 98.1 and loop from 6:00 A.M-10:00 A.M.

Ms. Barton said she and the Mayor will be attending the academies conference in Nashville for the school district and observe what the school is doing based around the FORD NGL program.

Ms. Barton provided the Council with an Economic Development report prepared by Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director:

GRAND OPENINGS:

Five Below – Grand Opening this Friday, March 2nd – 10:00 a.m. ribbon cutting

Party City – Grand Opening this Friday, March 2nd – 9:30 a.m. no ribbon cutting per Party City

Marshalls – Tentative Grand Opening next Thursday, March 8th

Petco – Tentative Grand Opening next Saturday, March 10th

Ross – To Be Determined

ACTIVITY THIS WEEK:

Calvary University held ribbon cutting for new Student Life Center yesterday – Congratulations

Main Street Appreciation Coffee was held this a.m.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Hawaiian Bros – Doing fantastic

Cracker Barrel

- The sale of the property officially closed last week
- Subcontractor for KCP&L is doing the groundwork for preparation of electrical infrastructure
- Permit for construction is ready for pickup
- Anticipated groundbreaking date is April 16th

Panera Bread

- Project valuation is \$580K
- Actively working on the interior demolition
- Interior renovation expected to begin next month

Fairfield Inn

- Waiting on developer's subcontractors to get business licenses

Ms. Barton said the City hosted a Main Street event this morning. There was great attendance and she is hopeful it will open the lines of communication between the City and the Main Street businesses. She said she is proud of Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, for pulling this event together.

Fire Chief Norman Larkey announced Cracker Barrel is starting construction.

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March 2018 meetings

3/6 budget work session & work session – 6:30 pm

Depending upon what happens hopefully finish budget

3/13 regular session – 7:00 pm

OTHER BUSINESS:

Councilman Savage expressed concern pertaining to the trash service. Jim's Disposal has started picking up late in the evening and he is receiving complaints. He asked why we are continuing to have trash issues. Trash cans are staying out all week long and being left where they lay after the trash is picked up. He said he has to take some of the blame for this. He said Jim's Disposal has not started out on a good foot. He wants to see it fixed. He would like the trash company off the streets by 7:00 P.M. and get the trash picked up.

Councilman Lathrop said also has been receiving emails and calls about the time the trash company is picking up trash. Mayor Davis said they do have to get better. Councilman Lathrop asked if they don't get it fixed, what our options are. Mayor Davis said it is in the contract they receive a 60 days' notice. He admitted we can't keep letting this go. Councilman Finn asked if the phone calls are slowing down and things are improving. Ms. Barton said things were improving until the ice storm last week. We are seeing an overall improvement. Part of the problem is educating people on trash.

At 7:43 P.M., Councilman Lathrop moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of personnel, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.3, and matters pertaining to the leasing, purchase or sale of Real Estate, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.2, and that the record be closed. Councilwoman Peek seconded. The following vote was recorded; Ayes: 8, Mayor Davis, Councilmen Fletcher, Trutzel, Savage, Lathrop, Newell, Councilwoman Peek, and Councilman Finn. Absent: Councilman VanWinkle.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 10:41 P.M. Being no further business, Councilman Lathrop moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Peek seconded. All present voted in favor. Councilman VanWinkle absent. Meeting adjourned.

Patti Ledford, City Clerk

Jeff Davis, Mayor