

**Minutes of the Belton City Council
Work Session and Regular Meeting
July 23, 2019
City Hall Annex
520 Main Street, Belton, Missouri**

Mayor Davis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Sheila Ernzen, Assistant City Manager and Finance Director, gave the June monthly financial report.

Being no further business, Mayor Davis adjourned the work session at 6:18 p.m. and called the regular meeting to order.

Councilwoman Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Councilmembers present: Mayor Davis, Gary Lathrop, Tim Savage, Chet Trutzel, Dean VanWinkle, Ryan Finn, Dave Clark, Stephanie Davidson via videoconference, and Lorrie Peek

Staff present: Alexa Barton, City Manager; Padraic Corcoran, Attorney; and Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Lathrop moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:

- **approving the minutes of the July 9, 2019, City Council Regular Meeting.**
- **approving the June 2019 Municipal Division Summary Report for Municipal Court.**
- **authorizing the purchase of new holsters for the new Sig Sauer P-320's approved for purchase by the City Council on 5/28/19.**
- **authorizing the purchase of a 2020 International Dump Truck, MW30R11 Snow Plow Assembly, and 10' Swenson Salt Material Spreader with spreader stand to replace Truck No. 510.**
- **approving Resolution R2019-63: A resolution authorizing the offering for sale of General Obligation Bonds for the benefit of the City of Belton, Missouri.**
- **approving Resolution R2019-64: A resolution reappointing Steve Deere, Rosemary Howard, Tom MacPherson, Keith Richardson, Steve Holt, Chris Whorton and appointing Cindy Crate and Jennifer Oldham to serve on the Code Enforcement Advisory Committee.**
- **approving Resolution R2019-65: A resolution approving actions of the City Manager to engage JCI Industries, Inc. for the Emergency Wastewater Treatment Facility return activated sludge pump #2 replacement and ratifying Task Agreement No. 2020-2 with JCI Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$13,183.51.**

Councilman VanWinkle seconded. All voted in favor. Consent agenda approved.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Steve Hackett, 15810 Allen Avenue, had questions about the trash carts. Ms. Ernzen answered his questions at the end of the meeting.

- How much do they cost? \$449,578.38
- If the citizens are paying for them, why don't they own them? The carts stay with the house. We expect about a 10% turnover each year.
- If the carts are paid off after three years and there is a warranty, why will we continue paying for them after that point? At that point and at the end of each budget year, the City will re-evaluate the on-going cost of cart usage, adjusting the cost as needed.

The East Outer Road between 162nd-163rd Street is still closed, but the road closed signs are down. Update-City staff continues to place signs back up (when moved by an individual).

Ronald Coggins, 15510 Allen Avenue, had questions about the City easements and cleaning out the drainage ditches. Celia Duran, Public Works Director, answered his questions at the end of the meeting.

- Is it correct that there are 12' easements on the streets? Allen Avenue has a 50' right-of-way (ROW), not easement. There is 25' from the road centerline on each side. Road widths vary for each street, but if lanes are 12', there would be 13' of ROW on each side outside of the pavement. This is standard for cities.
- Why aren't drainage ditches cleaned in Dikewood? The City ordinances require the property owner to maintain the ROW on their property, which would include ditches, sidewalks, etc.
- Why is it the land owner's responsible for city easement? The land owner still owns the property even though the City has been granted ROW. If the City mowed the ROW, the City would be mowing people's yards and personal property.
- When and why did the ordinance(s) get passed to stop cleaning them out? There are multiple codes addressing this issue. They were approved July 10, 2014; April 14, 2015; August 23, 2016. According to previous staff, City crews used to spend most of their time cleaning out ditches and mowing ROW and did not have time to focus on maintenance of City infrastructure (streets, storm sewer, etc).

The Mayor presented proclamations to the Belton Neighborhood Watch Groups and recognized National Night Out.

ORDINANCES

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk, read Bill No. 2019-43: An ordinance approving an amendment to the City's Zoning Map from M-1 (Light Industrial) District to FCI (Flex Commercial/Industrial of the North Scott Corridor) District, for a 2.07 acre tract of land located at 1002 North Scott, Belton, Cass County, Missouri.

Presented by Councilwoman Peek, seconded by Councilman Finn. Carolyn Yatsook, Economic Development Director, said the North Scott Corridor overlay district was approved in 2017. Dave Clements, Planning Director, said this is the first building as part of the Corridor plan. For this project to be implemented, the Corridor plan requires the site to be rezoned. This project's final development plan was presented to the Planning Commission and there was a July 1, 2019 public hearing. Vote on the first reading was recorded with all voting in favor. First reading

passed. **Councilman Lathrop moved to hear the final reading.** Councilman VanWinkle seconded. Vote to hear the final reading was recorded with all voting in favor. Motion passed. The final reading was read. Presented by Councilman Trutzel, seconded by Councilman Finn. Vote on the final reading was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Davidson, Savage, Finn, Trutzel, VanWinkle, Peek, Mayor Davis, Clark, Lathrop

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Bill No. 2019-43 was declared passed and in full force and effect as **Ordinance No. 2019-4530**, subject to Mayoral veto.

RESOLUTIONS

Ms. Cunningham read Resolution R2019-66: A resolution approving a Professional Services Agreement with Sturges Word Communications, Inc. To provide media relations and social media communications support and consulting for economic development and city communications.

Presented by Councilman Lathrop, seconded by Councilman VanWinkle. Councilman Clark asked how often the City uses a service like this. Alexa Barton, City Manager, said this is used quite often. This will take the place of Krista Klaus' contract. Vote on the resolution was recorded with all voting in favor. Resolution passed.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Councilwoman Peek gave a Park report

- Kids' paint party, July 26 at High Blue Wellness Center
- Seussical the Musical, August 9 at Memorial Park
- End of Summer Bash, August 10 on Main Street
- Carnival, August 15-17 at Memorial Park
- Doggie Dip Day, September 7 at the outdoor waterpark

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- July 25, 2019 Tom MacPherson will receive Belton's MML Civic Leadership Award.
- The Chamber of Commerce Light up the Night at Eagles Landing is coming.
- The Chamber is doing Stuff the Bus.
- MoDOT is starting work on the Outer Road August 2.
- Ms. Duran said there have been 15 sinkholes repaired in the City.
- Councilman Trutzel reminded everyone to put their Jim's Disposal trash carts at the curb for pick up.

Citizens who wish to make a personal appearance at a Council meeting may contact the City by 12pm on the Thursday prior to the Tuesday Council meeting, if they'd like their name listed on the agenda packet. If they are not listed on the agenda, they may contact the Mayor up to 12pm on the Monday before the Tuesday Council meeting. Citizens are also welcome to call or email questions to the Mayor, City Council, and City staff anytime or utilize the Report A Concern form on the City's website.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

July & August 2019 meetings

08/13 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

08/27 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

09/10 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

09/24 work session & regular meeting – 6:00 p.m.

James Person, Police Chief, said National Night Out is August 6. Right now there are three groups participating.

John Sapp, Acting Fire Chief, said the new ambulance should be finished August 8.

Councilman Trutzel said there were cars parked along both sides of the road in Cimarron Trails and emergency vehicles couldn't get through. Chief Person said he's aware of the situation.

At 7:45 p.m. Councilman VanWinkle moved to enter Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to Legal Actions, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.1; and matters pertaining to the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of personnel, according to Missouri Statute 610.021.3, and that the record be closed, and the meeting adjourn from there. Councilman Finn seconded. The following vote was recorded:

Ayes: 9 Davidson, Clark, Peek, Finn, VanWinkle, Trutzel, Mayor Davis, Savage, Lathrop

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned following the executive session.

Andrea Cunningham, City Clerk

Mayor Jeff Davis