



Belton City Council

April 3, 2012

Workshop in the Mattison Room at 6 p.m.
Regular Meeting in Council Chamber at 7 p.m.

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April 3, 2012 Meeting Agenda

- 1) Call to Order Mayor Rufus Callaham
- 2) Invocation Councilmember Jay West
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Rufus Callaham
- 4) Welcome Visitors and Guests Mayor Rufus Callaham
- 5) Approval of Council Minutes: March 6 Mayor Rufus Callaham
- 6) Resolutions Mayor Rufus Callaham
 - A. RES-188: Micah Wallace
 - B. RES-189: Foothills Alliance
 - C. RES-190: Deeds of Pride Month and Earth Day
- 7) Other Business Mayor Rufus Callaham
 - A. Trash bags sold from City Hall
- 8) Administrator's Report
- 9) Adjournment

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Upcoming events:

April 6 - Belton City Hall Closed for Good Friday
April 12 - Anderson County Municipal Association, Pendleton, 7pm
April 14 - SC Chili Cookoff Championship, 9am to 4pm
May 1 - Belton City Council Meeting 7pm, **Workshop** 6pm
May 28 - Belton City Hall Closed for Memorial Day
June 5 - Belton City Council Meeting 7pm, **Workshop** 6pm



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Belton, South Carolina

Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2012

(All newspapers were informed of this meeting in compliance with guidelines set forth in the Freedom of Information Act)

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I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Rufus Callaham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Council Members were present.

Invocation

II. Councilmember Hattie S. Green led the prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mayor Rufus Callaham led the Pledge of Allegiance with everyone participating.

III. Welcome Visitors and Guests

Mayor Rufus Callaham welcomed all visitors and guests.

Election of Mayor Pro-Tempore

IV. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. nominated Council Member Wendell Page as Mayor Pro-Tempore. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Council Member Hattie S. Green closed the nomination process. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes February 6 & 27, 2012

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the February 6 and 27, 2012 meeting. Council Member Hattie S. Green made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Audit Presentation by Argo Assoc.

Mr. Willoughby and Mrs. Gambrell with Argo and Assoc. presented their audit findings to the Council. Governmental Funds had total revenues of \$2,657,434.00 and total expenses of \$2,609,012.00. Water and Sewer Fund had revenues of \$1,361,187.00 and expenses of \$1,484,126.00. The opinion of the auditors was a clean and accurate audit with no discrepancies.

VII. Resolution: Recognizing BHP Wrestling Team,C-Fund Application, Authorization for Anderson County to collect Property Taxes for Belton

City Administrator, Michelle Ricketson read the resolution to the team and congratulated them for their efforts. Council Member Jay West made a motion to approve the resolution as written and Council Member Jim Bright second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rufus Callaham read the ACTC C-Fund Application by title only. Mayor explained that a number of roads needed repairs. Council Member Wallace Shaw made a motion to move forward with the resolution and application. Council Members Wendell Page and Council Member Jay West second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rufus Callaham explained that every five years the contract between the County and the City enabling Anderson County to collect taxes for the City was up for renewal. There is no change in fees for the County doing this. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to authorize the County to continue to collect the City taxes for the upcoming five years. Council Member Hattie S. Green second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to provide match money for \$3,650.00 from Hospitality Fund for the purchase of six benches for the Square. Council Member Wendell Page second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jay West made the motion for the City to purchase a new recording device for \$522.57 for the council room. Council Member Jim Bright second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to purchase a plaque for \$50.00 in honor of the BHP wrestling team's accomplishment. Council Member Wendell Page second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Council, with no further business, adjourned for the evening. The motion to approve adjournment was made by Council Member Wallace Shaw and seconded by all Council members. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

City Clerk



March 27, 2012

Dear Council Members:

Foothills Alliance has been serving adult and child victims of sexual abuse for 23 years in Anderson County. "Working in collaboration with community partners, the mission of Foothills Alliance is to prevent sexual assault trauma and child abuse and neglect by providing education, advocacy, and treatment services in Anderson and Oconee counties." The organization successfully runs multiple programs, including: six parent support groups, child abuse prevention and parent education, community and schools education and awareness programs, a 24-hour-7-days-a-week crisis hotline, emergency room advocacy for victims, an active and vital volunteer program, treatment and advocacy for sexually abused children, professional training for local agency personnel, and a full range of clinical services provided by three master's-level licensed counselors.

The month of April is nationally recognized as the Sexual Assault and Prevent Child Abuse Awareness month. Every two minutes someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. In 2011, The Department of Social Services in Anderson reported more than 1,250 new reports of child abuse/neglect. Last year, we served more than 450 survivors of sexual assault. Unfortunately, more than half of those were children. We also served 370 secondary survivors. Our Child Advocacy Center staff worked with 315 children. **Belton had 3 survivors served by our programs.** Each survivor typically averages 12 sessions of therapy. Therapy sessions are valued at \$100 per session, therefore the Belton residents have received more than \$3,600 worth of services.

We are asking the council to help us in two ways. First, please consider issuing a proclamation. I have attached a sample proclamation that was drafted for the Governor and also the proclamation that President Obama issued last year for April. Second, please consider financially supporting Foothills by giving twenty cents for every \$1 worth of services that we provided to Belton residents. Since we provided \$3,600 worth of services, that amount would be \$720. These funds will go a long way in helping us provide services to survivors and offer public education campaigns. Thank you for considering these requests.

Sincerely,

Tracy Whitten Bowie
Executive Director