

Belton City Council

January 6, 2015 Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order

Mayor Wendell Page called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All council members were present.

II. Invocation

Council Member Hattie S. Green led the prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wendell Page led the Pledge of Allegiance with everyone participating.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests

Mayor Wendell Page welcomed all visitors and guests.

V. Approval of Council Minutes December 2 & 15, 2014

Mayor Wendell Page asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the December 2 & 15, 2014 meetings. Council Member James Bright made the motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Lynda McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Appointment of Zoning and Appeals Members

Mayor Wendell Page asked for appointments for the Zoning and Appeals Board members to replace those whose appointments had expired for Ward 3 and Ward 4. Council Member Jay West appointed Richard Dorn and Council Member Kelli Hembree appointed Josh Stevenson. Council Member Hattie Green made a motion to accept Mr. Dorn and Mr. Stevenson appointments. Council Member James Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Leda Poore Engineering Project

Administrator Alan Sims asked council for approval to hire Mr. Christopher Watson with Seamon Whiteside Company to do a master plan for the redevelopment of Leda Poore. Council Member Jay West made a motion to hire Seamon Whiteside Company as engineering consultants with a price of \$10,000.00 and not to exceed this cost other than for change orders only. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Hospitality Request Procedures

Mayor Wendell Page asked for a motion from Council to approve a new Hospitality Guideline Procedure. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to accept the hospitality package as written. Council Member Kelli Hembree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session for Discussion for Personal Matter

Mayor Wendell Page asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter. Motion made by Council Member James Bright, seconded by Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. Motion carried unanimously. Council went into Executive Session. Mayor Wendell Page asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. Council Member Kelli Hembree made the motion, Council Member James Bright seconded the motion. Motion was unanimous. Council came out of Executive Session. Council Member Jay West made a motion to hire Joey Lance as the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Belton at a salary of \$40,000.00 and if the candidate declined that the subsequent candidates be approached as to their interest in order. As well due to the savings provided by the amount of longevity pay no longer needed for that position, that an amount of \$5,000.00 be added to the Fire Chief's salary in order to increase the salary

to the appropriate amount based upon municipalities of similar size. Council Member James Bright seconded 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 Ricky Campbell Jr. and seconded by Council Member James Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk