

Belton City Council

October 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

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

I. Call to Order

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

IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests

Mayor Rufus Callaham welcomed all visitors and guests.

V. Approval of Council Minutes: September 3, 2013

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the September 3, 2013 meeting.

Council Member Wendell Page made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Council Nomination for Committee/Tennis Courts & Leda Poore Park

Tabled to a later date.

VII. Council Nomination for Committee to Update the Employee Manual

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion for council to form a committee for the purpose to update the Employee Manual. This committee would consist of three council members and one department head. The draft would need to be ready by January 15, 2014. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded this motion. Council Member Ricky Campbell opposed the motion all other Council Members were in favor. Council Member Jay West made a motion to nominate Council Members Jim Bright, Kelli Hembree and Wendell Page to form the committee. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion; Council Member Ricky Campbell opposed the motion. All other council members were in favor of the motion.

VIII. Chief Tommy Clamp introduced Officer Joel Pinland to the Council as the City's newest police officer.

Representative Mike Gambrell presented a check to the City of Belton from himself and Senator Billy O'Dell which was a gift restricted for recreational purposes only.

IX. New Jerusalem Church Close Portion of Green Street for Car Show on 10/12/13

This was handled before this Council Meeting and it was not necessary to vote on this issue. This was removed from the agenda.

X. Presentation of the Waste Water Bond Issue

Council Member Jay West made a motion to table this issue to a later date. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Murphy/Benton Road Project

Council Member Jay West explained that the City did not due their due diligence in the research of this request to run a 875 ft. water line on the above county roads. The residents on these roads when notified about the lines possibly being run were not interested in tying into the City water. The City had a grant that did not total the full cost of this project therefore the City would have had to come up with additional funds totaling approximately \$12K to 15K dollars to cover the job. For these reasons Council Member Jay

West made a motion to not move further on this project. Council Member Jim Bright seconded the motion. One Council Member voted to go further with the project, Five Council Members agreed to reject the project and One Council Member abstained from the vote.

XII. Other Business

Council Member Hattie S. Green made a motion for the City to again this year spend \$200.00 dollars to purchase candy to be given out on Halloween. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jay West made a motion that prior to requesting or writing grants that the City go to Scott Hanks, Director of Combined Utilities for grants related to City wide repairs where Mr. Hanks will have the time to review and look into the situation before going to the State or County with the grant request. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Executive Session – Personnel Matters

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion for Council to go into Executive Session. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council came out of executive session with no vote being taken.

XIV. Adjournment

Council, with no further business, adjourned for the evening. The motion to approve adjournment was made by Mayor Rufus Callaham. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk