

Belton City Council

November 11, 2014 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 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 October 7, 2014

Mayor Wendell Page asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the October 7, 2014 meetings. Council Member Hattie S. Green made the motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Recognition of Officer Charles Hendrix and 2nd Shift Officers

Police Chief Tommy Clamp asked council to recognize Officer Charles Hendrix who is responsible not only for his duties as a police officer but also as a grant writer for the Police Department. Officer Hendrix through his grant applications was successful in getting for the department police vehicles, protective clothing and equipment for the police vehicles and officers to help them in performing their duties more safely and effectively. Chief Clamp introduced to Council and the public Officer Cwynar, Officer Gray and Officer Lowe who while the City sleeps these officers are there protecting the City in the night hours.

VII. Proclamation: November as Poppy Month

Mayor Wendell Page read for Council a Proclamation requested by the American Legion Auxiliary #51 in proclaiming November as "Poppy Month" in honor of the soldiers that have sacrificed their life for the sake of us to live free and safe. The red poppy flower is the memorial flower that symbolizes the sacrifice of lives lost on the fields of battle.

VIII. Decision to Move Forward to a Hire a Parks and Recreation Director

Council Member James Bright made a motion to proceed in hiring a Parks and Recreation Director. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Council Member Jay West made a motion to amend this motion to allow our Administrator Alan Sims to put together a job description and benefit package and to advertise for this position. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Decision to Allow Anderson County to Handle Voting in the Belton Elections

Administrator Alan Sims asked council to consider allowing Anderson County to handle Belton's voting in the city's elections. Mr. Sims explained the elections would change from even years to odd years to coincide with other municipality elections. Council Member James Bright made a motion to start the process to allow Anderson County to handle Belton's voting in the elections. Council Member Kelly Hembree seconded the motion. Council Member James Bright made a motion to authorize Administrator Alan Sims to send a letter requesting for the polling places to be moved to another location. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. 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 Jay West. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk