

# Belton City Council

## November 5, 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: October 1 & 7, 2013**

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the October 1 & 7, 2013 meeting. Council Member Hattie Green made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **VI. Commercial Bank Waste Water Bond Issue**

Council Member Jay West made a motion that the City of Belton enter into a commercial construction loan agreement with Commercial Bank which would enable the City to move forward to comply with the mandate issued to the City from the federal and state government for our waste water issues. The loan amount is \$4,687,000.00 for a period of 18 months with 2.99% interest to be paid monthly based on what has been disbursed from the loan. We also have a fee \$4,500.00 at closing, which at that time the USDA will pay off the loan to the Commercial Bank and the City will then enter into a 40 year bond with the USDA. The proposed bid process will begin on December 3, 2013 for the construction. Mayor Rufus Callaham seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **VII. First Reading Ordinance #515 Fix the Date for Election of Mayor & Council Members Wards 2, 4&6**

Administrator Alan Sims instructed Council that the first reading of the Ordinance # 515 was necessary. Administrator Alan Sims asked City Attorney William Epps Jr. to read the ordinance. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to accept the ordinance as written. Council Member Jim Bright, seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **VIII. Senator O'Dell \$5,000.00 Check Stipulation**

Representative Mike Gambrell presented a check to the City of Belton from Senator O'Dell which the stipulation was the money is to be used for recreation. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to put the money into a Capital Project Account for recreation. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **IX. County Council Member Eddie Moore \$45,000.00 Money Allocation**

Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to use the \$45,000.00 for paving and infrastructure, along with sending a letter to Council Member Moore advising him of the City's decision. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **X. Garbage Contract- New 5 Year Term**

Council Member Jay West made a motion to extend the contract with Powell Trash Service for the next two years beginning January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, with an option for five additional years. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Decorating Downtown/Saturday Overtime**

Council Member Wendell Page made a motion giving permission to allow four employees to work on Saturday and be paid overtime for the purpose to decorate the Downtown for Christmas; overtime payroll money would be paid from the Hospitality Fund. Council Member Jim Bright seconded the motion. Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to amend the motion to include overtime in the month of January 2014 for the purpose to take down the decorations on a Saturday. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. Additional Money for Christmas Lights**

City Administrator Alan Sims requested from council \$1,000.00 for the purpose of repair of lights and expenses related to the decorating of the City for Christmas. Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to allot \$1,000.00 from the Hospitality Fund to cover needed items. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk