Belton City Council

December 3, 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: November 5, 2013

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the November 5, 2013 meeting. Council Member Ricky Campbell made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Yvonne Stollmeyer Request for Temporary Housing for Rescue Dogs

Ms. Angela Gschwind gave a presentation of her nonprofit business for the purpose of a rescue shelter to be at the Stollmeyer residence on Mahaffey Street in the City, which she is attempting to purchase. The house is zoned residential and she wanted to amend the ordinance to allow her to have more than three dogs, which is how the current ordinance reads. No action was taken.

VII. Hwy. 247 Landfill: Request to Grind Debris at the Site

Council Member Jay West advised Director of Combined Utilities, Scott Hanks that because this request was already in the current year budget under landfill expenses to bid the job out under the procurement code.

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

Administrator Alan Sims asked City Attorney William Epps Jr. to do the second and final reading of Ordinance # 515. Council Member James Bright made a motion to accept the ordinance as written. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Paving Resolution- C Funds

Council Member Jay West read the paving resolution and made a motion to approve the resolution. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Meter Deposit Increase for Renters from \$100.00 to \$200.00

Combined Utilities Director, Scott Hanks explained to the Council and the public the purpose for the increase in meter deposits and delinquent fee rates for residents and business owners. The delinquent fee increases will be based on a calendar year schedule occurrence. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to accept this meter deposit increase for renters and an increase for delinquent fee occurrences. Council Member James Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Sewer Rate Increase/Waste Water Upgrade

Combined Utilities Director, Scott Hanks explained that the increase in sewer rates are due to the DHEC mandates that the State has placed on the City. The minimum rate increase will go from \$15.40 to \$26.90 for inside the City per household. Council Member Jay West made a motion to move forward with a resolution on the rate increase per household to comply with the State mandate. Council Member James Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Non Agenda Topic

Mayor Rufus Callaham called Mrs. Angela Seigler, who signed the request paper to speak to the Council. Mrs. Seigler received a violation for having chickens inside the city limits. Mrs. Seigler said that the ordinance states that livestock cannot be in the city limits and that chickens are not livestock. Council Member Kelli Hembree said that the Zoning Ordinance states that poultry and livestock are not allowed within the City limits. Mrs. Seigler stated she was not aware of another ordinance book and asked if the City would amend the ordinance. No action taken.

XII. Crime Issue in Ward 1

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to make the police chief, Tommy Clamp, City Administrator Alan Sims and City Attorney William Epps Jr. to act as a committee to review Clemson's Ordinance that holds property owners responsible for numerous incidents reports made at the same location. Council Member James Bright is looking for a recommendation for an ordinance to be enacted to be placed in our book by February 2014. Council Member Kelli Hembree seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Needed Repairs at Leda Poore for the Tower

Recreation Director Scott Jones explained to Council that the stairs going up to the press box at the Leda Poore field is in need of electrical wiring repair and steps. BDG Electrical gave a bid of \$530.00 and JD Electric a bid of \$200.00 plus the cost of a business license. Ford Builders turned in a bid of \$3535.00 and Finley Builders bid \$2997.00. Council Member James Bright made a motion for the repairs to be paid from the Hospitality Fund and to award the jobs to JD Electric and Finley Builders. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. amended James Bright motion to include that Finley Builders would get the bid if they included the repair of the door jambs. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Council Member Wendell Page abstained from the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk