

Belton City Council

April 2, 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 except Wallace Shaw and Hattie S. Green, due to illness.

II. Invocation

Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. 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: March 5, 2013

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

VII. Argo & Assoc. Mr. Willoughby Presentation FYE 6/30/12 Financial Statement

Mr. Willoughby gave the City of Belton a clean opinion which reflects the audit with no material problems and no grant issues. General Fund balance decreased by \$180,499.00. Proprietary Fund's net assets decreased by \$80,641.00. The net change in the Hospitality Fund balance is a decrease by \$32,275.00.

Council Member Jay West made a motion to approve the 6/30/12 Financial Audit Information as presented and Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Emergency Called Meeting, Thursday March 28, 2013

The purpose of the Emergency Called Meeting was to sign the "Request for Obligation for Funds" for the Water Project that was presented by Debbie Green with USDA which, the interest rate would change if the request was not signed by the City of Belton. After reviewing the letter of conditions and the requirements in accepting the loan, Scott Hanks Director of Combined Utilities recommended to Council not to do this project at this time. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to agree with Director Hanks to reject this loan. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Grass Cutting Behind the Post Office

Council after discussing this request expressed that Mayor Rufus Callaham should send a letter to Mrs. Darby who requested that the grass be cut behind the Post Office which is owned by the Depot, specifying the upgrades needed before a finishing mower will be able to come in and cut the grass. Mayor Callaham made a motion to prepare a letter of instruction to the Depot. Council Member Jim Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Price Increase/Duke Power Light Poles

Council Member Jim Bright stated that the cost per pole increased to \$24.74 from \$16.94. Motion was made by Council Member Jim Bright to purchase four poles instead of five and to move forward with the purchase of the light poles for the additional cost. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Sports Program Fees

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to increase the fees from \$45.00 to \$50.00 for children participating in sports programs that live outside the City limits. Council Member Jay West second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Water Project Murphy Road/Benton Road

The grant was issued over a year ago. Since then the issuing grant agency has changed along with term and condition requirements in completing the grant. Council Member Jay West made a motion to table this project until City Attorney William Epps has contacted the grantor. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Ordinance #512 Fixing the Date of a Special Election for City Council Ward #4

Mayor Rufus Callaham read Ordinance # 512 by title only and outlined for everyone the highlights of the ordinance fixing the date and the requirements for those who wish to run as a candidate for this election. Council Member Jay West made the motion to approve Ordinance #512 for the Special Election on June 18, 2013 as written. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV Other Business

Mr. Saville asked for permission from Council to have Clemson University at his expense come in and do a “Study” to bring people into Belton. Council had no objection.

XV. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk