



Belton (SC) City Council

May 1, 2012, Meeting Minutes

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I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Rufus Callaham called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

All Council Members were present.

II. Invocation

Councilmember Jim Bright led the prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests

Mayor Rufus Callaham welcomed all visitors and guests.

Approval of Minutes April 3, 2012

V. Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the April 3, 2012 meeting. Council Member Hattie S. Green made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Wallace Shaw seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

VI. **Resolution # 191 BHP AFJROTC:** Council Member Jay West, read the resolution to the public honoring BHP High School Air Force Junior ROTC, for their honors and trophies and their hard work, dedication and distinction they have brought to themselves and the community.

Resolution # 192 Cory White Diversity Award Winners:

Council Member Wendell Page read the resolution to the public naming the four winners, Gabrielle Powell, Wesley Hudson, Katie Epps, and Todd Smith, who in their daily lives display uplifting attitudes and personal attention given to others.

Resolution # 193 May 2012 Police Memorial Month: Council Member Jim Bright read the resolution to the public, which names May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week of May 15th as National Police week. This resolution also recognizes officers that have died, officers who are disabled because of their job performing their duties and all active officers who through their hard work and courageous deeds for the citizens of their communities every time they go to work.

Resolution # 194 Updated Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreements: Mayor Rufus Callaham explained to the public that per the Code of Laws of South Carolina an updated agreement which, authorizes that Belton's public safety officers when requested by other counties and municipalities will assist them as well as the City of Belton will receive assistance from other jurisdictions when needed.

VII. Other Business

City Administrator, Michelle Ricketson announced to the public that the elevator is operational and passed all state and county inspections. Council Member Jay West wanted to recognize previous Council Member Marion Nickles Jr. for his efforts in securing a grant with the Timken Corp for \$100,000. which made the building of this elevator possible. Administrator Ricketson also announced a ribbon cutting ceremony for the elevator and the two police cars once they are purchased.

USDA Grant: Purchase of Two Police Vehicles: About two years ago, the City applied for USDA grant to pay for part of two police vehicles. The USDA has now approved the purchase of these vehicles. Purchase costs have increased because the Crown Victoria cars are no longer made. Ford Interceptors are being manufactured in place of the Crown Vic. The cost is approximately \$4,100.00 more. Mayor Rufus Callaham has asked for a motion to approve the payment of the additional money. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made the motion and Council Member Jim Bright second the motion. The money can come from the contingency account in this year General Fund's budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost of Writing Program for the Utility Bills: City Administrator, Michelle Ricketson explained to the Council the savings to outsource by having Accudata Inc. print and mail the bills to our customers. To make this happen our computer software company will need to build a bridge between our software and Accudata. The cost is \$800. Mayor Callaham asked for a motion to spend the \$800 using O/M Fund's Office and Printing account in this year's budget. Council Member Wallace Shaw made the motion, Council Member Hattie Green second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Administrator's Report

Administrator Michelle Ricketson made Council Members aware that the Budget is being distributed before this week is out. The Budget Calendar has the dates for the upcoming workshops with the staff- May 8 and May 15, 2012 at 6:15 pm. A called meeting on May 22, 2012 for the first reading of the Budget and the Public Hearing, along with the 2nd and final reading of the Budget will be June 5, 2012.

IX. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted, Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk