



# Belton (SC) City Council

May 22, 2012, Meeting Minutes

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## I. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Rufus Callaham called the meeting to order. All Council Members were present, except Council Member Wallace Shaw.

## II. Invocation

Councilmember Hattie S. Green 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.

## V. Approval of Minutes May 1, 2012

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the May 1, 2012 meeting. Council Member Wendell Page made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## VI. Resolutions:

**Resolution # 195 C-Fund Request:** Administrator Michelle Ricketson explained the purpose of this resolution. The City is asking for funding for McDuffie Street storm water upgrade, the Standpipe Trail and pipe/erosion control on Brown Street. The total amount of the request is for \$55,500.00. Council Member Jim Bright made the motion to submit Resolution # 195 as written, Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance #2012-508 Budget for the Fiscal Year 2012/2013:** Administrator Michelle Ricketson gave the first reading of the Budget Ordinance by title only. Council Member Wendell Page made the motion to accept the first reading and Council Member Ricky Campbell second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Rufus Callaham made a motion to move the upcoming Council meeting from June 5, 2012 to June 12, 2012 in order to meet the required time frame set by the State to advertise the Public Hearing. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. Other Business**

- **USDA Grant ADA Policy-** Administrator Michelle Ricketson informed the council and the public that the USDA requires that we have in place a policy and practices that make reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities along with establishing a grievance procedure. The three person committee would be made up of the ADA Coordinator (the Fire Chief), the Administrator and the Mayor Pro Tempore.
- **American Legion Post 51 Request-** Administrator Michelle Ricketson relayed to the Council the request from the American Legion asking Council for the City to pay for their lights and police security during their games for this upcoming season. Council Member Jay West made the motion to approve payment of these expenses up to \$665.00. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- **Chili Cook off Report-** Mr. Dion Jones reported to the Council and the public, that the City's investment of hospitality dollars returned to the community many fold. The Chili Cook off's gross income before expenses was approximately \$30,000. Net income was \$9,000 which, \$8,000 was donated to three non-profit organizations in Belton.

## **VIII. Administrator's Report**

- In December, the City applied to the Anderson County Transportation Committee to repair the draining and paving issues throughout the city. In January of 2012, the Committee approved our request of \$58,000. The qualified bid from Panagakos Asphalt Paving came in at \$60,690. Administrator Michelle Ricketson was asking council to approve the difference of \$2,690 from the General Fund contingency account. Motion was made by Council Member Ricky Campbell and seconded by Council Member Hattie S. Green. Motion carried unanimously.
- The City of Belton this year granted the United Way of Anderson County temporary use of a room on the second floor of City Hall for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to help people file their income taxes. The United Way completed taxes for 66 people, who received refunds totaling \$41,671.
- The Farmer's Market will begin their new season this Thursday on May 24, 2012. The Market will be open on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7am until the farmers have sold all their produce. On June 7, low-income senior citizens may apply for vouchers from 8am to 10am.

## **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