

Belton City Council

May 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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I. Call to Order

Mayor Wendell Page called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All council members were present except Council Member Kelli Hembree and Council Member Ricky Campbell.

II. Invocation

Council Member Hattie S. Green led the prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Wendell Page led the Pledge of Allegiance with everyone participating.

IV. Welcome Visitors and Guests

Mayor Wendell Page welcomed all visitors and guests.

V. Approval of Council Minutes: April 1, 2014

Mayor Wendell Page asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the April 1, 2014 meeting. Council Member James Bright made the motion to accept the minutes. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member James Bright made a motion nominating Council Member Jay West as Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Mayor Wendell Page closed the nominations with no other council member nominations. Motion carried unanimously, with Council Member Jay West abstaining from the vote.

VII. First Reading Ordinance # 519 Setting the Date for the Special Election for the Vacancy of Council Member Ward #5

City Attorney William Epps Jr. read Ordinance # 519 completely. Mayor Wendell Page made a point that the date for the books opening and closing were in conflict with the law. City Attorney William Epps read the law and stated that date for the opening and closing the books for the special election needs to be changed to comply with the law. Council Member James Bright made a motion to amend Section One to change the date to Friday May 16, 2014 at 12:00 noon for the books to open and to close the books on May 27, 2014 Tuesday at 12:00 noon; the extra day because of the closing date falls on a holiday, Memorial Day. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Jay West made the motion to accept the first reading with the amended date changes of Ordinance # 519. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Belton Alliance Request

Rex Maynard Chairman of the Belton Alliance requested \$20,000.00 from the Hospitality Fund to establish a website and to do a retail market survey to determine from the citizens of Belton the types of businesses needed and which they will support. Council Member James Bright made a motion to give the Alliance the money so they can begin their plans. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Tennis Courts Request

Rex Maynard requested from council to approve a change order for \$646.00 for the additional work needed at Leda Poore for the Tennis Court Project. Council Member Jay West made a motion to approve the \$646.00 payment from the Hospitality Fund for the change order. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Rex Maynard asked for Council's approval to place a sign on the tennis court entrance naming the tennis courts "The Timken Foundation Courts" in honor of

Timken's generous donation in helping to rebuild the courts. Council Member Jay West made the motion to allow the sign to be placed at the entrance of the courts and Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Planning Commission Request: Rezone Property at 246 Mahaffey Street

Administrator, Alan Sims presented to Council the findings from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on the rezoning issue to change 246 Mahaffey Street from RS-1 to C-3. The Commission unanimously approved Mrs. Stollmaier's request. Administrator Sims presented this to Council for final approval. Council Member James Bright made the motion to pass the rezoning request from RS-1 to C-3. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Backhoe Request

Director of Combined Utilities, Scott Hanks asked Council for permission to purchase a backhoe for the Waste Water Department. The 1997 backhoe that the City currently owns has outlived its life. The cost for the backhoe is \$83,405.00 which will be paid from the Pretreatment Account and will be reimbursed back to the Pretreatment account once the release of funds from the Waste Water Bond. Council Member Jay West made the motion to give permission to purchase the backhoe. Council Member James Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Broyles Avenue Emergency Drain Issue

Director of Combined Utilities, Scott Hanks explained to council a cross line pipe under the road had washed out. Mr. Hanks asked council for permission to allow Miller Construction to repair the problem for \$15,405.00. Council Member Hattie S. Green made a motion to hire Miller Construction to repair the problem for \$15,405.00. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Other Business

Mayor Wendell Page said it was necessary to have a called meeting on Monday May 12, 2014 at 6:30 pm for the second and final reading of Ordinance #519 and afterwards to go into a Budget Workshop. Council Member Jay West made a motion to have the called meeting on the scheduled date with a budget workshop following. 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 Wendell Page. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk