

Belton City Council

May 7, 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: March 28, April 2, 2013

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the March 28, and April 2, 2013 meeting. Council Member Wendell Page made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Recognition Awards Hydro Aluminum-Belton Operation for Clyde (Nelson) Cooley & Major (T) Rice

Mayor Rufus Callaham invited Mr. Scott Johnson, Plant Mgr. to recognize Mr. Cooley & Mr. Rice before the City presented their plaques. Mr. Johnson delivered a biography on each of the gentlemen that depicted their dedication and contributions over the past forty years of their employment with Hydro. Mayor Callaham then presented a recognition plaque to Mr. Cooley and Mr. Rice and along with Council and the visitors at this Council Meeting congratulated them.

VII. Belton Center of the Arts Request

The Arts requested to use grant money which, was allocated for a specific event to be used for a different function. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to table this request at this time until more information is provided for their request for billboards. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Council Member Jay West will contact the Arts for more information. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Anderson County Sheriff's Dept. Contract with Belton Victims Services

Belton Police Chief, Tommy Clamp explained to Council the purpose to transfer the Victims Services to the County. Council Member Ricky Campbell made a motion to allow the County to handle our Victims Advocate responsibilities which will provide a better service. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Police Dept. Auction/97 Ford Taurus

Police Chief, Tommy Clamp asked for permission to auction the departments 97 Ford Taurus which is no longer capable to handle the needs of the department. The chief asked for a sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$500.00, which money from the auction would be used for policemen uniforms. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to auction the car. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Shelter at M T Haynie Park/ Electrical Power

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to add electricity to the shelter for a minimum of \$8.97 per month per Duke Energy. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Ordinance #512 Fixing the Date of a Special Election for City Council Ward #4 2nd. 3rd

Mayor Rufus Callaham read Ordinance # 512. This ordinance fixes the date and the requirements for those who wish to run as a candidate for the special election for a council member for ward 4. The date set for the election is June 18, 2013. Council Member Jim Bright made the motion to approve Ordinance #512 as written. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Water Project Murphy Road/Benton Road

Council Member Jay West made a motion to table this project while Combined Utilities Director Scott Hanks continues to work with County Council Member Eddie Moore, Anderson County Administrator Rusty Burns and Senator William O'Dell to work out the details and finances related to this project. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. First Reading of Budget Ordinance #513 for fiscal year end 6/30/2014

Council Member Wendell Page read the complete Ordinance #513; General Fund proposed budget \$2,584,516.00, Hospitality Fund proposed budget \$172,263.00, Firemen's Fund proposed budget is \$5,329.00, Combined Utility Water Fund proposed budget is \$1,126,933.00 and the Waste Water Fund proposed budget is \$788,550.00. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IXV. Utility Billing Software Additions

Council Member Jay West made a motion to table the purchase the software additions until a more information is presented to purchase exactly what is needed. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

XV. Executive Session- Personnel Issues

Council Member Jim Bright asked Council to agree to change the agenda order to allow people that wished to address the Council to go first before the Executive Session. Mayor Callaham requested permission from Council to call on the different individuals. Council agreed to allow the people requesting to address Council on their different issues.

Council Member Jay West made a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Council Member Jim Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No action or vote was taken in the Executive Session. Council Member Jay West made a motion to inform Police Chief Tommy Clamp that his six months probation period is up and that Council is pleased with his work performance and that Council will honor the original terms when Chief Clamp was hired in this upcoming budget for fiscal year ending 6/30/14. Council Member Jim Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk