

Belton City Council

June 4, 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 Ricky Campbell 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: May 1 & 7, 2013

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the May 1 & 7, 2013 meeting. Council Member Hattie S. Green made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Wendell Page seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Public Hearing: Budget Ordinance #513; 2nd & Final Reading of the Budget Ordinance FYE 6/30/14

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to go into the Public Hearing, which was made by Council Member Ricky Campbell and second by Council Member Jay West. At this time Council Member Wendell Page read the final reading for Ordinance # 513 by title only. Mayor requested for anyone wishing to come and speak in respect to the Budget. There were no speakers therefore Mayor Rufus Callaham closed the Public Hearing. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to accept the Budget Ordinance as written, Council Member Hattie S. Green second the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. City of Belton Employee Policy: Overtime and Comp Time

Council Member Jay West read the new overtime and compensation time policy for city employees. Council Member Jay West made a motion to adopt this updated policy. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. M.T. Haynie Shelter New Roof Bid Award

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to award the bid and then withdrew his motion until more information to verify a labor warranty is provided.

IX. Close Brown Ave. on Halloween

This issue was tabled, more information is needed.

X. Hospitality Project Expenditures

Council Member Jay West made a motion to request proposals for the cost and designs of new welcome signs to be placed at the four locations coming into Belton. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jay West made a motion requesting permission to consult with the SC Historical Society to establish a plan to recondition the Standpipe. Council Member Jim Bright seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jay West made a motion asking approval from Council to communicate with the different organizations in Belton and to get a price to update the website to reflect a one stop information site for the whole City. Council Member Jim Bright seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XI. Sign Ordinance Revisions

Council Member Wendell Page stated that the Zoning Ordinance: Article 8 Sign Revisions regarding political signs is very confusing. Council Member Wendell Page made a suggestion that Police Chief Tommy Clamp, Fire Chief Alan Sims and a council member simplify this ordinance and come back to Council with their recommendations. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Rentals for State and County Office Space

This is tabled until more information has been gathered.

XIII. Council Proposal for Economic Business Development

Council Member Jay West made a motion to work with Anderson County to put together a tax package incentive for new businesses coming onto the Square. Council Member Wendell Page requested that Council Member West amend this motion to include all new business coming into the City. Council Member West amended his motion to include the whole City. Council Member Ricky Campbell then seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IXV. Farmers Market Operations

Council Member Jim Bright first thanked Charles Campbell, who is present for this meeting for running the Farmers Market for so many years. Charles Campbell will be retiring and Council Member Jim Bright stated that Charles Campbell is willing to run the Market for the next 30-45 days. This matter was then tabled until the July Council Meeting.

XV. City Auditor's Contract FYE 6/30/2014

Council Member Wendell Page presented the quotes from Argo & Assoc. in the amount of \$17,000.00 and Greene, Finney & Horton in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the fiscal year end of June 30, 2014. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to award the contract to Greene, Finney and Horton. Council Member Jay West seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Other Business

Council Member Jay West made a motion to include in this Agenda the tabled motion from May 7, 2013 Agenda, which is the Utility Billing procedures. Council Member West's motion is to change the billing format to a postcard and to set up E-pay and E-bill which will enable customers to register to pay and to view their bill on the computer if they choose. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

XVI. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk