

# Belton City Council

## August 5, 2014 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 Wendell Page called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. All council members were present, except Kelli Hembree.

### **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 July 1, 2014**

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

### **VI. Recognize All-Star Team<sup>12</sup> and Under Baseball: All Star Bombers**

Recreation Director Scott Jones recognized the Belton Bombers and there 3 coaches: Robbie Richey, Kevin Bryant, and Brandon Whitworth for winning the Dixie Youth District One tournament in Clemson from June28-July 1, 2014. The team advanced to the state tournament in Florence on July 18, 2014. Even though the team did not win the state tournament our players played excellent and had a great experience.

### **VII. Recognize Officer Thomas Stevens: New Police Graduate**

Police Chief Thomas Clamp recognized Thomas Stevens, who graduated on July 18, 2014. Officer Stevens passed with a high average from the twelve week program at the Criminal Justice Academy in Columbia, SC. Officer Stevens is currently in the field training officer's program for approximately one month.

### **VIII. 2013 Auditors Report**

Mr. Michael Willoughby, Argo and Assoc. presented to Council the City's 2013 financial report. Upon auditing the books for the City Argo and Assoc. found that are records reflected a clean audit with no misrepresentations.

### **IX. Second and Final Reading Ordinance # 521 Amendment to Belton City Code Article III Livestock**

City Attorney William Epps did the second and final reading of Ordinance # 521 in its entirety. This ordinance is amended to state that poultry meaning chickens or like birds are not allowed to be raised within the City limits. Council Member Hattie S. Green made a motion to accept the ordinance's second and final reading. Council Member Lynda McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **X. Second and Final Reading Ordinance # 522 Adding to Article II Business & Professional Licenses: Section 14-23 a Business License for Owners of Rental Dwellings**

City Attorney William Epps did the second and final reading of Ordinance # 522 in its entirety. The Ordinance states that an owner with two or more rental properties are required to get a business license by the first day of February annually. Mayor Wendell Page made the motion to accept the second and final reading of the ordinance as written. Council Member Ricky Campbell Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Planning Commission Appointment**

Council Member Lynda McCoy made a motion for Phyllis McAllister to take Mrs. McCoy's vacant seat on the Planning Commission due to her election as Council Member for Ward Five. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Wendell Page made council aware that other Planning Commission seats were up for appointment, therefore Mayor Page made a motion to table this discussion until the next council meeting to allow council the opportunity to speak with the current commission staff whose term is completed or to appoint new people. Council Member James Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XII. Sand for Belton Middle School Field**

Recreation Director Scott Jones asked the City to split the cost with the School District Two to pay \$1,000.00 for sand to be put down on the football field that our recreation department will be using in the upcoming football season. Matt Davis with Upstate Turf Professional would be doing the work. Council Member James Bright made the motion to split half the cost which totals \$1,000.00 to be paid from the Recreation Department's field maintenance budget. Council Member Lynda McCoy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. Belton School District Committee Appointment**

Mayor Wendell Page informed Council that Dr. Rosenburger's Belton School District Committee's council position for this school year is up for assignment. Mayor Wendell Page appointed Council Member Lynda McCoy for this spot, which she accepted.

**XIV. Anderson County Cleanup Day October 18, 2014**

Ms. Lee Harris asked council to pledge their help in participating with Anderson County to organize groups to volunteer in cleaning up the City of Belton. Mayor Wendell Page promised Belton's support with the cleanup effort.

**XV. Public Requests to Speak with Council**

Ms. Carla Kay: Mahaffey Street Problems; Mr. Gary Durkee: Owner of Arnold's of Belton; Mrs. Linda & Mr. George Haynie: Sewer Line Problem; Mr. Anthony Saville requested application for Storefront repair on the Square and complaint about the Tea Party Shop.

**XVI. Adjournment**

Council, with no further business, adjourned for the evening. The motion to approve adjournment was made by Council Member James Bright. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy, City Clerk