

Belton City Council

August 6, 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: July 1, 2013

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to accept the Minutes for the July 1, 2013 meeting. Council Member Hattie S. Green made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Special Presentation: Police Dept.

Police Chief, Tommy Clamp presented to Pat Rodgers, Ashley Rodgers and Buddy Rodgers a plaque honoring and in memory of Pat's daughter, Patty Robbins who worked for the City of Belton from November 15, 1999 through May 11, 2006.

VII. Strategy for Hospitality Fund Major Projects

Council Member Jay West made a motion that the Belton City Council form a committee with three council members along with business members from the Belton organizations to identify and prioritize major projects along with the costs for these projects and to generate a stream of revenue from the Hospitality Tax which would be dedicated to pay for a bond to be issued to complete these projects. Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Mayor Rufus Callaham opposed the motion; all other Council Members approved the motion. Council Member Jim Bright made a motion of Council Member Jay West to chair this committee. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Council Member Jay West abstained from the vote, Mayor Rufus Callaham opposed the motion all other council members approved the motion.

VIII. Annexation of 130 Murdock Road: Ordinance # 514

Mayor Rufus Callaham read Ordinance #514 whereas property owners Roger and Judy Couch are requesting to be annexed into the City. Council Member Wendell Page made the motion to annex 130 Murdock Road into the City. Council Member Jay West seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Other Business

New Jerusalem Church is holding a block party and is requesting from the City to allow them to close Green Street next to their Church for the duration of the party. Cox Funeral Home asked the City not to close the street because it is the only entrance into their parking lot. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion not to close Green Street and offered free use of any city park in Belton to accommodate their party. Council Member Jay West seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Hattie S. Green read a letter from Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources (SHARE) which, asks the City of Belton to partner with SHARE in referring low income families in Belton to their program. Council Member Hattie S. Green made a motion for the City to partner with SHARE. Council Member Jim Bright seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Jim Bright made a motion to go into Executive Session; Council Member Ricky Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rufus Callaham made the motion to come out of Executive Session back into regular session. No vote was taken.

X. 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