



# Belton City Council

## September 17 & 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

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### SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 CALLED MEETING

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS

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#### **I. Call to Order**

Mayor Rufus Callaham called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.  
All Council Members were present except Wallace Shaw.

#### **II. Invocation**

Councilmember Jim Bright lead 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. Appropriations and Appointments**

- a) Presentation by Gracyn Moore RE: Honor Flight- Cadet Captain Moore Air Force ROTC explained to Council that for her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday she had a fund raiser for the purpose to get money to send WWII Veterans to Washington DC. Miss Moore had already raised \$10,000.00, which allows 16 veterans to travel to Washington DC. Council Member Ricky Campbell made a motion to donate \$200.00 from general fund for this project. Council Members Jim Bright and Hattie S. Green seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- b) Proposal for beautification on the Square. Council Member Ricky Campbell made a motion to table this issue until all information is made available. Council Member Jay West seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Repair tarp mechanism on leaf and limb trucks- Administrator Michelle Ricketson informed Council to purchase a new mechanism is \$2000.00 per truck. Mr. Hanks Director of Combined Utilities is looking to find someone to do fabrication work to repair both trucks which would cost approximately \$700.00 each. Money for this repair is already in 2012-2013 budget.

#### **V. Administrator's Report**

- i) 9/22/12: City Wide Cleanup 9am to 12noon-City will provide bags and the County will provide the dumpsters.
- ii) 10/6/12: Standpipe Festival- Fire Department requested permission from Council to give Fire truck rides to the children. Permission was granted.
- iii) 10/31/12: Trick or Treat on the Square- Council granted permission for the City to spend \$200.00 out of Hospitality Fund to purchase candy to participate in the event.
- iv) Discuss C-Funds bids- Council Member Jay West made a motion to support the existing projects and not to add any new projects but to request from the C-Fund Committee \$20,000.00 more or at least whatever the deficit amount is. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**VI. Belton City Council Executive Session- Police Chief Applicants**

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to come out of regular session and to go into executive session to discuss a Police Chief Applicants. Councilmember Jim Bright made the motion to come out of regular session. Council Member Hattie S. Green seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to come out of executive session and to go into regular session, with no action taken. Council Member Jim Bright made the motion. Council Member Jay West seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**XI. Adjournment**

Council, with no further business, adjourned for the evening. The motion to approve adjournment was made by Council Member Ricky Campbell, second by Council Member Wendell Page. Motion carried unanimously.

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2012 CALLED MEETING**

**I. Call to Order**

Mayor Rufus Callaham called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. All Council Members were present except Wallace Shaw. Administrator Michelle Ricketson was also present.

**II. Belton City Council Executive Session- Police Chief Applicants**

Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to come out of regular session and to go into executive session to conduct Police Chief Interviews. Councilmember Wendell Page made the motion to go into executive session to conduct the interviews. Council Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. After the interviews concluded, Mayor Rufus Callaham asked for a motion to come out of executive session and to go into regular session. Council Member Jim Bright made the motion. Council Member Jay West seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to enter back into regular session. Council Member Ricky Campbell seconds the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council Member Wendell Page made a motion to offer J. Thomas Clamp the position of Chief of Police. Council Member Jay West seconds the motion. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Hattie S.Green opposed. There were several failed motions regarding the salary to offer. Council Member Jay West made a motion to offer an annual salary of \$49,500.00 to Mr. Clamp. Council Member Wendell Page seconds the motion. The vote was 5-1 with Council Member Hattie Green opposed.

**III. Adjournment**

Council, with no further business, adjourned for the evening. The motion to approve adjournment was made by all Council Members, second by all Council Members. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie E. Kennedy  
City Clerk