

**Belton City Council Meeting
November 12, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Belton City Council met in regular session in the Wright Room at the Harris Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Marion Grayson, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Carpenter and Councilmembers David K. Leigh, John R. Holmes, Sr., Craig Pearson, Guy O'Banion and Dan Kirkley. Staff present included Sam Listi, Gene Ellis, John Messer, Amy Casey, Susan Allamon, Charlotte Walker, Cheryl Maxwell, Matt Bates, Chris Brown, Angellia Points, Wes Gilbreath, Cynthia Hernandez, Judy Garrett and Kim Kroll.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Councilmember John R. Holmes, Sr., and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Director of Public Works Angellia Points. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Leigh.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 1:55)*

Woody Durbin, 308 E. 20th Avenue, told the Council about a disc golf tournament that will be coming to the Belton and Temple area in March 2020.

3. **Recognize Court Clerk LaCretia Van de Plas for obtaining her Level III Court Clerk certification.** *(Audio 3:20)*

Consent Agenda *(Audio 8:24)*

Items 4-7 under this section are considered to be routine by the City Council and may be enacted by one motion. If discussion is desired by the Council, any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda prior to voting, at the request of any Councilmember, and it will be considered separately.

4. **Consider minutes of October 22, 2019, City Council meeting.**

5. **Consider a resolution appointing Barry Harper to the Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors.**

6. **Consider Appointments to the following Boards/Commissions:**

A. **Library Board of Directors** – Janice Pustka

B. **Belton Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors** – Steve Jones and Brandon Bozon

7. **Confirm appointment of Interim Fire Chief Wesley Gilbreath.**

Upon a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Kirkley, and a second by Councilmember Holmes, Consent Agenda Items 4-7 were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

Miscellaneous

8. **Hold a public hearing and consider a tax abatement agreement request by Todd Mantz, on property owned by CSC Group, LP, located in Tax Abatement Reinvestment Zone Number 13, on the east side of IH 35, South of Loop 121, along Grove Road, to build a 50,000 square foot warehouse at an estimated cost of \$1,750,000 (206 E. Grove Road).** (Audio 9:33)

Public Hearing:

- Todd Mantz, applicant, spoke in favor of the tax abatement agreement.
- Cynthia Hernandez, Executive Director of the Belton Economic Development Corporation, spoke in favor of the tax abatement agreement.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, and a second by Councilmember Kirkey, the tax abatement agreement with Todd Mantz was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

9. **Hold a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 22, Article VI, Section 22-106, Schedule A of the Code of Ordinances regarding traffic schedules and speed limit regulations.** (Audio 23:15)

Public Hearing: no one spoke for or against.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holmes, and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the following captioned ordinance was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-53

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE VI, SECTION 22 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, AMENDING SCHEDULE A REGARDING TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNS IN CITY STREETS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. **Consider an ordinance reducing the speed limit from 75 MPH to 65 MPH on US190/IH-14 in Belton City Limits during construction of the US190/IH-14 Widening Project.** (Audio 25:54)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holmes, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the following captioned ordinance was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-54

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE RATE AND SPEED OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON US190/IH-14; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

11. Consider an ordinance: (Audio 29:34)

- A. amending Sec. 8-71 and Sec. 8-72 of the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule related to solid waste collection rates for 2020.**
- B. adding Sec. 12-1 to the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule related to the registration and inspection of mobile home parks.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Leigh, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the following captioned ordinance was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHING RATES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN ITEMS, SERVICES AND PERMITS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS.

12. Consider an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the FY2019 budget. (Audio 35:27)

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson, and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, the following captioned ordinance was approved upon a vote of 6-1 with Councilmember Holmes providing the dissenting vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-56

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BELTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

The Belton City Council will recess the Regular City Council Meeting and convene a meeting of the Belton Employee Benefits Trust.

City of Belton Employee Benefits Trust Agenda

1. Call to Order. (Audio 37:49)

Chair Grayson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

2. Consider minutes of the City of Belton Employee Benefits Trust meeting dated November 27, 2018. (Audio 38:03)

Upon a motion for approval by Trustee Leigh, and a second by Trustee Carpenter, the minutes were unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

3. Consider action awarding contracts for employee insurance products.
(Audio 38:35)

Upon a motion for approval of the contracts by Trustee Kirkley, and a second by Trustee Carpenter, the contracts were unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

4. Adjourn. (Audio 48:58) Chair Grayson adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

The Employee Benefits Trust will adjourn the City of Belton Employee Benefits Trust Meeting and reconvene the Belton City Council Meeting.

13. Consider approval of funding for employee insurance contracts awarded by the Board of the Employee Benefits Trust, and authorizing the transfer of funds from the City's operating funds to the Employee Benefits Trust account.
(Audio 49:17)

Upon a motion for approval by Councilmember Kirkley, and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, transfer of funding was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

14. Receive a presentation and consider adopting the proposed Parks Master Plan for the expansion of Heritage Park. (Audio 50:05)


Upon a motion for adoption by Councilmember Holmes, and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the Parks Master Plan for the expansion of Heritage Park was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. for the following item:

Executive Session

15. Executive Session pursuant to the provision of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.074, Personnel Matter.

The Mayor reopened the meeting at 7:05 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy M. Casey, City Clerk