

**Belton City Council Special Called Meeting
August 4, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Belton City Council met in an in-person/virtual special called meeting via Zoom due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency that has been declared by Governor Greg Abbott, Bell County Judge David Blackburn and Belton Mayor Marion Grayson. Members present included Mayor Marion Grayson, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Carpenter (Zoom) and Councilmembers David K. Leigh, John R. Holmes, Sr., Craig Pearson, Guy O'Banion and Dan Kirkley. Staff present included Sam Listi, John Messer, Amy Casey, Gene Ellis, Bob van Til, Jon Fontenot, Charlotte Walker, Cheryl Maxwell, Paul Romer, Christ Brown, Ryan Brown, Judy Garrett, Matt Bates, Mike Rodgers, Susan Allamon and Jeremy Allamon.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Councilmember Craig Pearson, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Director of Finance Mike Rodgers. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Dan Kirkley.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Grayson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 1:19)*

Jackie Degen, a Belton resident (declined to provide her address), spoke in favor of having the issue of renaming Confederate Park placed on the ballot in November.

3. **Consider minutes of July 28, 2020, City Council Meeting.** *(Audio 2:56)*

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

FY2021 Budget

4. **Propose an ad valorem tax rate for the 2020 tax year (FY 2021).** *(Audio 3:15)*

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Carpenter, a tax rate of \$0.6400 was proposed upon a unanimous vote of 7-0.

5. **Call for a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., at the Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander, for the proposed tax rate for the 2020 tax year (FY 2021).** *(Audio 1:40:14)*

Councilmember Leigh made a motion to call for a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the 2020 tax year (FY 2021). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Holmes, and was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

Executive Session *(Audio 1:40:46)*

At 7:14 p.m., the Mayor announced the Council would go into Executive Session for the following item:

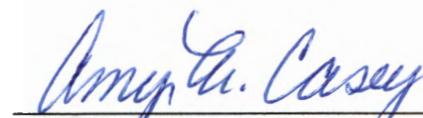
6. Executive Session pursuant to the provision of the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney.

The Mayor reopened the meeting at 7:25 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy M. Casey, City Clerk