

Belton City Council Meeting
August 10, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.

The Belton City Council met in regular session in the Wright Room of the Harris Community Center. Members present included Mayor Wayne Carpenter, Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh, and Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Dan Kirkley, Guy O'Banion, John R. Holmes, Sr. and Daniel Bucher. Staff present included Sam Listi, Gene Ellis, John Messer, Amy Casey, Jon Fontenot, Chris Brown, Mike Rodgers, Scott Hodde, James Grant, Kim Kroll, Bob van Til and Judy Garrett.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Councilmember Craig Pearson, and the pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Assistant City Manager/Chief of Police Gene Ellis. The Invocation was given by Mayor Wayne Carpenter.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Mayor Carpenter thanked City staff who helped with the Back to School event in Yettie Polk Park over the weekend.
2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 2:25)*

Troy Finley spoke regarding a problem he has with construction inspections and permits for 702 S. Pearl.

Consent Agenda

Items 3-5 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. *(Audio 7:04)*

3. **Consider minutes of July 27, 2021, City Council Meeting.**
4. **Consider a Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) Application to renovate the property at 206 E. Central Ave, located in the Downtown Belton Commercial Historic District, on the north side of East Central Ave, west of North Penelope Street and east of North East Street.**
5. **Consider a request to abandon a portion of a storm water easement at 804 Damascus Drive and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Encroachment Indemnity Agreement.**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

Regular Agenda

6. **Consider adopting a resolution authorizing the creation of a Regional Emergency Communications District, as proposed by the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Council of Governments.** *(Audio 8:00)*

City Manager Sam Listi presented this item. Jesse Hennage from the Central Texas Council of Governments provided additional information about the creation of the Regional Emergency Communications District.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the following captioned resolution was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATOINS DISTRICT.

FY2022 Budget

7. **Receive a presentation on the FY2022-FY2026 Strategic Plan and invite public input on September 7, 2021.** *(Audio 16:45)*

City Manager Sam Listi gave a presentation on the goals and objectives of the proposed FY2022-FY2026 Strategic Plan. Mr. Listi stated the Strategic Plan will be considered for adoption at the September 14, 2021, City Council meeting in conjunction with budget adoption, and he recommended the Council receive public input at the Special Called City Council meeting on September 7, 2021.

8. **Receive a presentation on the FY2022 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Belton.** *(Audio 24:35)*

Director of Finance Mike Rodgers presented an overview of the proposed FY2022 Budget. No action is required of the Council at this time. Budget adoption is scheduled for the City Council meeting on September 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the Harris Community Center.

9. **Call for a public hearing to be held at a Special Called City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander, for the City of Belton Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2021 and ending September 30, 2022.** *(Audio 54:36)*

Councilmember Kirkley made a motion for a public hearing to be held on the proposed FY2022 budget at the Special Called City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Pearson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

10. **Discuss and consider a proposed ad valorem tax rate for the 2021 tax year (FY 2022).** (Audio 55:12)

Director of Finance Mike Rodgers presented this item. Tax rate adoption is scheduled for the City Council meeting on September 14, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the Harris Community Center.

Mayor Pro Tem Leigh made a motion to set the maximum tax rate at \$0.63. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kirkley. A roll call vote was taken:

City Council	For	Against	Present and Not Voting	Absent
Mayor Wayne Carpenter	X			
Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh	X			
Councilmember Craig Pearson	X			
Councilmember Dan Kirkley	X			
Councilmember Guy O'Banion		X		
Councilmember John R. Holmes, Sr.	X			
Councilmember Daniel Bucher	X			


11. **Call for a public hearing to be held at a Special Called City Council Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m., at the Harris Community Center, 401 N. Alexander, for the proposed tax rate for the 2021 tax year (FY 2022).** (Audio 1:48:56)

Councilmember Pearson made a motion for a public hearing to be held on the proposed tax rate for the 2021 tax year (FY2022) at the Special Called City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember Bucher seconded the motion which was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.


Wayne Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy M. Casey, City Clerk