

**Belton Special Called City Council Meeting
September 7, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Belton City Council met in special session in the Wright Room at the Harris Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Wayne Carpenter, Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh (5:33 PM) and Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Dan Kirkley, John R. Holmes, Sr., Guy O'Banion and Daniel Bucher. Staff present included Sam Listi, Amy Casey, Gene Ellis, Jon Fontenot, Chris Brown, Mike Rodgers, Kim Kroll, Judy Garrett, Charlotte Walker, Larry Berg and Daniel Aguirre.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Councilmember Guy O'Banion, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Sam Listi. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Craig Pearson.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 1:31)*

Woody Durbin, 308 E. 20th Avenue, thanked the Council for the Heritage Park expansion and talked about several disc golf events that have been scheduled at the park.

3. **Consider minutes of August 24, 2021, City Council Meeting.** *(Audio 4:44)*

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

FY2022 Budget

4. **Receive a presentation and invite public input on Belton's Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026.** *(Audio 5:01)*

City Manager Sam Listi presented the proposed Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026 (See Exhibit "A"). There were no public comments.

5. **Consider an ordinance adopting the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2021.** *(Audio 7:54)*

City Clerk Amy Casey presented the proposed Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2022 (See Exhibit "B").

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the revised Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2022 was approved upon a unanimous vote of 7-0.

6. **Conduct a public hearing on the FY2022 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.** *(Audio 9:09)*

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Public Hearing: no public comments.

7. **Set a date, time, and place for the meeting to adopt the FY 2022 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.** *(Audio 13:25)*

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Councilmember Kirkley made a motion to set adoption of the FY 2022 Proposed Annual Budget at a Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 14, 2021, in the Wright Room of the Harris Community Center located at 401 N. Alexander. Councilmember Pearson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

8. **Conduct a public hearing on the FY2022 (Tax Year 2021) proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.6300/\$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 6.60 percent increase in the tax rate.** *(Audio 14:01)*

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 9.69 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$48.30.

Public Hearing: no public comments.

Councilmembers discussed a \$0.63 tax rate versus a \$0.62 tax rate.

9. **Set a date, time, and place for the meeting to adopt the FY2022 (Tax Year 2021) proposed ad valorem tax rate.** *(Audio 59:53)*

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Councilmember Pearson made a motion to set adoption of the FY 2022 (Tax Year 2021) Ad Valorem Tax Rate at a Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 14, 2021, in the Wright Room of the Harris Community Center located at 401 N. Alexander. Councilmember Holmes seconded the motion which was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.


Wayne Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy M. Casey, City Clerk

EXHIBIT "A"



FY 2022-FY 2026 Strategic Plan Public Input

City Council Meeting
September 7, 2021

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Summary

- Belton's Strategic Plan has been updated for the next five years, following an in-house update.
- Began in late May with Council and Department Head inputs.
- Last year's theme of Balance led to a focus on Sustainability for the next planning period.



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Summary (Continued)

- Plan reflects achievements in 2021, and will guide the Community into the future, maintaining the existing six (6) Goal categories:
 - Governance
 - Public Safety
 - Quality of Life
 - Economic Development
 - Connectivity
 - Parks/Natural Beauty
- For FY 2022-2026, a seventh Goal category - Service Delivery - added due to its vital importance in Belton.
- Belton's updated Strategic Plan remains substantive, yet realistic.
- A Scorecard reviews nineteen (19) Goals for FY 2021, and indicates status of goals, many of which are underway, and multi-year in scope.
- 21 Goals are presented for FY 2022



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Goals for FY 2022

1. Governance – Policy Emphasis

- 1b) Articulate Growth Management Strategy
- 1d) Complete TIRZ Plan Update with City/Bell County
- 1f) Refine Development Review Standards; Simplify and Expedite Process



2. Public Safety – Year for Analysis

- 2a&b) Address Strategic Needs for Police and Fire Departments

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Goals for FY 2022

3. Quality of Life – Maintain/Enhance

- 3a) Address Existing and Future Infrastructure/Capital Equipment Needs through a Comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP):
- Street Maintenance; needed reconstruction
 - Water/Sewer – NW Belton Water Tank
 - Storm Drainage
 - Capital Equipment Replacement
 - Library Enhancements – Interior Study



4. Economic Development – Recognize Opportunities

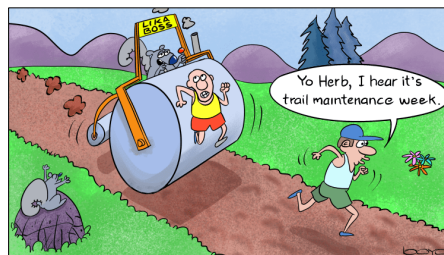
- 4a) Develop Downtown Redevelopment Plan, including 6th Avenue Gateway Corridor and BEDC Marketing Plan
- 4b) Complete IH35 and IH14 Sewer/Water Infrastructure
- 4c) Coordinate City/BEDC efforts in all sectors

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Goals for FY 2022

5. Connectivity – Monitor/Coordinate

- 5a) Coordinate Projects with TxDOT:
- Loop 121 Construction
 - FM 93 Design/ROW
 - Renovation of Central Avenue Bridge in Yettie Polk Park
 - Continue Planning for FM 2271 Area Circulation



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Goals for FY 2022

6. Parks & Natural Beauty – Provide Enhancements

6a) Continue Enhancements to Park System including Heritage Park, Standpipe Park, and new Park South

6b) Leverage Partnerships for citizen benefit

- USACE
- BISD
- UMHB
- BS&W



- United Way
- Belton Lions Club
- Bell County
- CTCOG

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Goals for FY 2022

7. Service Delivery -

- 7a. Exercise Servant Leadership in delivery of customer service
- 7b. Address Comprehensive Employee Compensation
- 7c. Acknowledge Talent attraction and employee retention
- 7d. Provide Personnel adequate to meet community needs
- 7e. Maintain Partnerships that supplement staff resources



Goal Outcome: Belton delivers excellent customer service by valuing those who deliver services to its citizens.

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FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Adoption

- Goals have been updated, building on Council direction
- Annual updates will keep Strategic Plan refreshed.



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FY 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Adoption

- The Strategic Plan Update has been on City website for public review and comment since the August 10th meeting.
- We invite public comments at today's City Council meeting.
- At the September 14th Council meeting, we will recommend adoption of an ordinance approving the Strategic Plan Update for FY 2022-2026 to guide the City during the next five years.
- Public Comments

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EXHIBIT "B"

Proposed Changes to FY 2022 Fee and Rate Schedule

Effective October 1, 2021

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Sec. 2-29 Lena Armstrong Public Library Fees

Copies/Prints:	\$0.25 per page
Black and White	\$0.20 per page
Color	\$0.50 per page
Scanning:	
Print/Email	\$0.30 per page

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Sec. 5-3 Hazardous Materials & Major Incident Response Fees

Engine/Pumper + 3 personnel	\$160.00 350.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Ladder Truck/Quint + 3 personnel	\$450.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Command Vehicle + 1 Command Officer	\$100.00 150.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Police Vehicle + 1 Officer	\$100.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Brush Truck + 2 personnel	\$250.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Boat/ATV + 2 personnel	\$150.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Other (Public Works heavy equipment + operator barricades, etc.)	\$100.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
Additional Personnel	\$50.00 75.00 per hour, 1 hour minimum
City Supplied Water (as determined by calculation pumping time and rate)	\$5.50 7.50 per 1,000 gallons
Ambulance Standby	\$160.00 per hour
Bulldozer (includes operator)	\$100.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum
Backhoe (includes operator)	\$100.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum
Dump Truck (includes operator)	\$100.00 per hour, 2 hour minimum
Sand (per cubic yard)	\$25.00/yard, minimum 3 yards
Firefighting Foam	Actual cost + 10%
Other Approved Absorbent as needed/required	Actual cost + 10%
Other Items Necessary to Control/Contain Incident	Actual cost + 10%
Disposal of Debris	Actual cost + 10%
Damaged Fire Hose, Fire Tools or Equipment	\$800.00 per 100' section + shipping and handling Actual cost + 10%



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Sec. 6-16 Fire Inspection Prevention Fees Fire Marshal – Construction Permits & Inspections

Fuel Tanks	
Fuel Tank Install/Removal Plan Review	\$75/tank
Fuel Tank Install/Removal Site Inspection and Testing	\$50/tank
Fuel Tank Install/Removal Site Re-Inspection and Re-Testing	\$35/visit
Fire Sprinklers	
Fire Sprinkler Plan Review	ISO Review
Fire Sprinkler Site Inspection & Testing - without Fire Pump	\$100 + \$1/head
Fire Sprinkler Site Re-Inspection & Re-testing - without Fire Pump	\$35/visit
Fire Sprinkler Site Inspection & Testing - with Fire Pump	\$150 + \$1/head
Fire Sprinkler Site Re-Inspection & Re-testing - with Fire Pump	\$50/visit
Fire Standpipes	
Fire Standpipe Plan Review	\$75.00
Fire Standpipe Site Inspection and Testing	\$50.00
Fire Standpipe Site Re-Inspection and Re-Testing	\$35.00
Fire Alarms	
Fire Alarm System Plan Review	\$75.00
Fire Alarm System Site Inspection & Testing	\$60.00/panel + \$1/device
Fire Alarm System Site Re-Inspection & Re-Testing	\$35.00



"It's either the fire system or the plumbing!..."

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Sec. 6-16 Fire ~~Inspection~~ Prevention Fees

Fire Marshal – Construction Permits & Inspections

Fire Suppression - Other

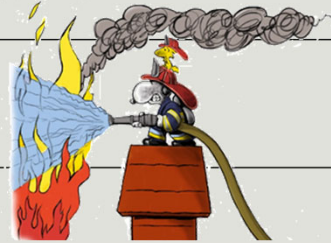
Fire Suppression Systems/Other - Plan Review	\$75.00
Fire Suppression Systems/Other - Site Inspection & Testing	\$50.00
Fire Suppression Systems/Other - Site Re-Inspection & Re-Testing	\$35.00

LP Gas

LP Gas Install Plan Review	\$75.00
LP Gas Install Inspection & Testing	\$50.00
LP Gas Install Re-Inspection & Re-Testing	\$35.00

Construction - Other

Building, Site, or Other Plan Review Requiring Fire Marshal Approval	\$75.00
Hydrant Flow Test	\$100.00
Installation without Fire Marshal (Sprinkler ISO) Approved Plans	5x plan review cost



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Sec. 6-16 Fire ~~Inspection~~ Prevention Fees

Fire Marshal – Annual Permits & Inspections

Life Safety Inspection	No Fee
First Re-Inspection	No Fee
Second Re-Inspection	\$35/visit
Third Re-Inspection	\$35/visit
Fourth Re-Inspection	\$35/visit

State Licensed Facility Inspection (Annual)

Day Care Center Inspection	\$50 + \$1/reg. child
Foster Home, Boarding Home Inspection	\$50.00
Nursing Home Inspection	\$150.00
Hospital Inspection	\$150.00
Assisted Living Facility Inspection	\$150.00
Each Re-Inspection of Above Facilities	\$35/visit

Permit to Operate (Annual)

Assembly Occupancy Permit > 200	\$100.00
Tire Storage Permit	\$100.00
Hot Works (Cutting and Welding) Permit	\$75.00
High Pile Storage Permit	\$75.00
Hazard Material Storage Permit > 500 Gallons	\$150.00



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Sec. 6-16 Fire ~~Inspection~~ Prevention Fees

Fire Marshal – Occurrence Permits

Occurrence Permits	No Fee
Blasting Permit (Per Job/Address)	\$50/day
Fireworks (Per Show)	\$150.00
Residential Open Burning (up to 7 days)	\$100.00
Commercial Open Burning (up to 30 days)	\$300.00
Carnival/Circus Safety Inspection	\$150.00
Tent Inspection	\$50.00
Fire Watch (cost per person)	\$75.00/hour
Operating Without Permit	\$25/day + Permit Fee
Special Services	
After Hours Inspections	\$75.00
Same Day Services	\$75.00



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Sec. 23-136 Water Deposits and Fees

Damaged Fire Hydrant Fee Actual material costs + 10% + equipment
@ \$100.00/hour/piece of equipment + labor @ \$25.00/employee/hour

Sec. 23-137 Water Tapping Fees and Water Meter Fees

Clarifying what services are included with water tapping fees. Also adding:

Meter Box Lid Only Replacement Fee \$12.00 per lid replacement

Sec. 23-137 Sewer Tapping Fees

Clarifying what services are included with sewer tapping fees

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Sec. 23-139 Utility Disconnect, **and** Reconnect and Leak/Overflow/Stoppage Fees

Outside of Normal Working Hours \$40.00

After Hours (after 4:30 p.m., before 7:30 a.m., weekends and holidays)

Water Meter Turn Off \$25.00

Water Meter Turn On \$25.00

Water Leak Check; Issue on Private

Side of Meter \$25.00

Sewer Overflow/Stoppage Check;

Issue on Private Side of Sewer \$25.00



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Miscellaneous Fees

Bound Publications

Budget \$20.00

CAFR \$15.00

THIS IS YOUR FACE



AFTER YOU'VE STAYED
UP ALL NIGHT READING
THE BUDGET

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Recommendation:

Adoption of the ordinance and corresponding Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2022.

