

**Belton Special Called City Council Meeting
September 6, 2022 – 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 and Councilmembers Craig Pearson (via videoconference), Dan Kirkley, Daniel Bucher and Stephanie O'Banion. Councilmember John R. Holmes, Sr. was absent. Staff present included Sam Listi, Gene Ellis, John Messer, Amy Casey, Mike Rodgers, Jon Fontenot, Alex Munger, Matt Bates, Larry Berg, Daniel Aguirre, Judy Garrett and Jo-Ell Guzman.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Mayor Wayne Carpenter, and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Grants and Special Projects Coordinator Jo-Ell Guzman. The Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh.

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

2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 2:10)*

There were none. Mayor Carpenter recognized the Belton Fire Department for donation of the 1914 hose cart to the Bell County Museum.

3. **Consider minutes of August 23, 2022, City Council Meeting.** *(Audio 2:46)*

Upon a motion for approval by Councilmember O'Banion, and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, the minutes were unanimously approved upon a vote of 6-0.

FY2023 Budget

4. **Receive a presentation and invite public input on Belton's Strategic Plan for FY 2023-2027.** *(Audio 3:11)*

City Manager Sam Listi presented the proposed Strategic Plan for FY 2023-2027. There were no public comments.

5. **A. Consider the water and sewer rates to be incorporated into the FY2023 Fee and Rate Schedule.** *(Audio 9:28)*

Director of Finance Mike Rodgers presented this item.

Mayor Pro Tem Leigh made a motion for Option #1 for water rates and the Staff recommended rates for sewer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bucher. The water and sewer rates for FY 2023 were approved upon a unanimous vote of 6-0.

B. Consider an ordinance adopting the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2021. *(Audio 30:35)*

City Clerk Amy Casey presented the proposed Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2023.

Upon a motion by Councilmember O'Banion and a second by Councilmember Bucher, the revised Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2023 was approved upon a unanimous vote of 6-0.

6. **Conduct a public hearing on the FY2023 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.** *(Audio 32:41)*

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Public Hearing: no public comments.

7. **Set a date, time, and place for the meeting to adopt the FY 2023 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.** *(Audio 40:36)*

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Councilmember Kirkley made a motion to set adoption of the FY 2023 Proposed Annual Budget at a Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2022, in the Wright Room of the Harris Community Center located at 401 N. Alexander. Mayor Pro Tem Leigh seconded the motion which was approved upon a vote of 6-0.

8. **Conduct a public hearing on the FY2023 (Tax Year 2022) proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.5850/\$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 4.60 percent increase in the tax rate.** *(Audio 41:13)*

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Public Hearing: no public comments.

9. **Set a date, time, and place for the meeting to adopt the FY2023 (Tax Year 2022) proposed ad valorem tax rate.** *(Audio 47:26)*

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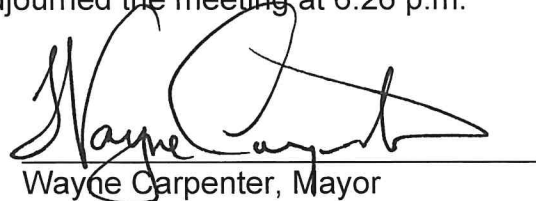
Councilmember O'Banion made a motion to set adoption of the FY 2023 (Tax Year 2022) Ad Valorem Tax Rate at a Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 13, 2022, in the Wright Room of the Harris Community Center located at 401 N. Alexander. Councilmember Kirkley seconded the motion which was approved upon a vote of 6-0.

WORK SESSION

10. **Consider a work session to discuss any aspect of the FY 2023 budget, proposed tax rate, comparative area tax rates and/or any other budget related topic.** (Audio 48:07)

Several Councilmembers provided their comments on the proposed tax rate and budget looking forward to the future.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.


Wayne Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:


Amy M. Casey, City Clerk