

**Belton City Council Meeting  
September 13, 2022 – 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, John R. Holmes, Sr., Daniel Bucher and Stephanie O'Banion. Staff present included Sam Listi, Gene Ellis, John Messer, Amy Casey, Chris Brown, Mike Rodgers, Charlotte Walker, Jon Fontenot, Tina Moore, Matt Bates, Paul Romer, Larry Berg, Allen Fields and Jo-Ell Guzman.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh, and the pledge to the Texas Flag was led by City Manager Sam Listi. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Dan Kirkley.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Carpenter called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 1:42)*

There were none.

**Consent Agenda**

Items 3-6 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 1:48)*

3. **Consider minutes of September 6, 2022, Special Called City Council Meeting.**
4. **Consider a resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Governor's Public Safety Office for a grant to purchase Bullet-Resistant Shields.**
5. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) to continue funding for the volunteer coordinator position for the Belton Police Department's RUOK? senior adult outreach program.**
6. **Consider a resolution authorizing publication of a Notice of Public Hearing regarding annexation of approximately 3,246 acres, located east of Interstate 35, south of East Amity Road, and west of Rose Lane.**

Mayor Pro Tem Leigh requested that Item #5 be pulled for discussion.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson, and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, Consent Agenda Items 3, 4 and 6, including the following captioned resolutions, were unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-28-R**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, APPROVING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, BULLET-RESISTANT SHIELD GRANT PROGRAM, AND DESIGNATING AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-29-R**

**A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SUCH PUBLIC HEARING.**

Consent Agenda Item #5 was presented by Assistant City Manager/Chief of Police Gene Ellis.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, and a second by Councilmember Holmes, Consent Agenda Item #5 was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

**FY2023 Budget**

7. **Consider an ordinance adopting Belton's Strategic Plan for FY 2023-2027.** (Audio 5:17)

City Manager Sam Listi presented this item.

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

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-45**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN, FY2023-2027, FOR THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS.**

8. **Ratify the increase in total property tax revenue as reported in the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.** (Audio 6:22)

**THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,093,189, WHICH IS AN 11.25 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$388,531.**

Director of Finance Mike Rodgers presented this item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson, and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, the increase in total property tax revenue was ratified upon a vote of 6-1 with Councilmember Holmes providing the dissenting vote.

9. **Consider an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.** (Audio 19:59)

**THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR’S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$1,093,189, WHICH IS AN 11.25 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR’S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$388,531.**

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, and a second by Councilmember O’Banion, the following captioned ordinance was approved upon a roll call vote as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion	X			
Councilmember John R. Holmes, Sr.		X		
Councilmember Craig Pearson	X			
Councilmember Dan Kirkley	X			
Councilmember Daniel Bucher	X			
Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh	X			
Mayor Wayne Carpenter	X			

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-46**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS; APPROPRIATING THE SUMS FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN NAMED; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE AND OF SUCH BUDGET WITH THE COUNTY CLERK OF BELL COUNTY, TEXAS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.**

10. **Consider an ordinance adopting the 2022 ad valorem tax rate not to exceed \$0.5850 per \$100 of taxable value.** (Audio 22:37)

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

**THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 4.30 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$21.00.**

Councilmember Kirkley made the following motion: *“I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.5850, which is effectively a 4.6 percent increase in the tax rate.”*

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pearson, and the following captioned ordinance was approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Absent	Abstain
Councilmember Stephanie O’Banion	X			
Councilmember John R. Holmes, Sr.		X		
Councilmember Craig Pearson	X			
Councilmember Dan Kirkley	X			
Councilmember Daniel Bucher	X			
Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh	X			
Mayor Wayne Carpenter	X			

**ORDINANCE NO. 2022-47**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, FIXING THE TAX RATE AND TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN SAID CITY; AND PROVIDING FOR LIEN ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF TAXES DUE THEREON.**

**Miscellaneous**

11. **Consider authorizing a development agreement between the Belton Economic Development Corporation and Glass Expanse and Bell McKinnon Properties, LLC, to support their investment and job creation in Belton.** (Audio 31:46)

BEDC Executive Director Cynthia Hernandez presented this item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember O’Banion, and a second by Councilmember Bucher, the development agreement was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

12. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Kasberg, Patrick & Associates for design and bidding phase services related to the College Street and S. Pearl Street Improvements Project.** (Audio 41:46)

Director of Public Works Matt Bates presented this item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Holmes, and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Leigh, the professional services agreement with KPA was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

**Executive Session**

At 6:23 p.m., the Mayor announced the Council would go into Executive Session for the following item:

13. 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 551.072, Deliberation Regarding Real Property.

The Mayor reopened the meeting at 6:48 p.m., and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Wayne Carpenter, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Amy M. Casey, City Clerk