



# City of Belton, Texas

City Council Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.  
Wright Room at the Harris Community Center  
401 N. Alexander, Belton, Texas

Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag will be led by Mayor Pro Tem John R. Holmes, Sr.

Texas Pledge. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag will be led by CVB and Retail Coordinator Judy Garrett.

*"Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."*

Invocation. The Invocation will be given by Councilmember Dave Covington.

1. Call to order.
2. Public Comments.

***Citizens who desire to address the Council on any matter may register to do so prior to this meeting and speak during this item. Forms are located on the table outside of the south side entry to the meeting room. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your comments to three minutes. Also, please understand that while the Council appreciates hearing your comments, State law (Texas Gov't Code §551.042) prohibits them from: (1) engaging in discussion other than providing a statement of specific factual information or reciting existing City policy, and (2) taking action other than directing Staff to place the matter on a future agenda.***

## **Consent Agenda**

Items 3-10 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.

3. Consider minutes of previous meetings:
  - A. August 22, 2023, City Council Workshop meeting;

- B. August 22, 2023, City Council meeting; and
  - C. August 24, 2023, Special Called City Council Workshop meeting.
4. Consider appointments/reappointments to the following Boards/Commissions:
    - A. Historic Preservation Commission
    - B. Civil Service Commission
    - C. Zoning Board of Adjustment
    - D. Planning and Zoning Commission
    - E. Subcommittees: Economic Development and Facilities
  5. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Change Order #1 to the 2023 Street Maintenance Plan.
  6. Consider a Façade Improvement Grant (FIG) application for exterior improvements at 900 East Central Avenue.
  7. Consider ratifying an amended professional services agreement with Carter Design Associates for the Mount Zion United Methodist Church renovation project.
  8. Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute a 5-year renewal contract with Langerman Foster for Construction Materials Testing Services.
  9. Consider approval of the FY 2024 contribution to the Bell County Public Health District in the amount of \$51,738.
  10. Consider ratifying a Development Agreement with Michael Elliott and authorizing a cost-sharing agreement for utility extensions along IH-14 in the vicinity of Boxer Road.

### **Regular Agenda**

11. Consider appointments to the Youth Advisory Commission, administer oath of office to newly appointed members, and appoint a Chair.

### **Budget FY2024**

12. Consider an ordinance adopting the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule for FY 2024.
13. Consider an ordinance adopting Belton's Strategic Plan for FY2024-2028.
14. Ratify the increase in total property tax revenue as reported in the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$910,330, WHICH IS AN 8.49 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 \$555,087.

15. Consider an ordinance adopting the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Budget for the City of Belton, Texas.

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16. Conduct a public hearing on the FY2024 (Tax Year 2023) proposed ad valorem tax rate of \$0.5326/\$100 of taxable value, which is effectively a 1.79 percent increase in the tax rate.

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

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.06 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$9.40.

17. Consider an ordinance adopting the 2023 ad valorem tax rate not to exceed \$0.5326 per \$100 of taxable value.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

18. 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 City Council reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time regarding any issue on this agenda for which it is legally permissible.*

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