

**Belton City Council Meeting**  
**May 23, 2023 – 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 David K. Leigh, Mayor Pro Tem John R. Holmes, Sr., Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Wayne Carpenter, Daniel Bucher, Stephanie O'Banion and Dave Covington. Staff present included Sam Listi, John Messer, Amy Casey, Gene Ellis, Mike Rodgers, Chris Brown, Matt Bates, Kim Kroll, Larry Berg, Paul Romer, Cynthia Hernandez, Tina Moore, Larry Berg, Jon Fontenot, Scott Hodde and Jo-Ell Guzman.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem John R. Holmes, Sr., and the Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Director of Public Works Matt Bates. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Craig Pearson.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Leigh called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 1:57)*

Gary Kent, 5814 Hamlet, spoke about mental illness.

There were no other comments.

3. **Recognize former Mayor Wayne Carpenter for his service excellence and dedication to the office of Mayor November 2020 – May 2023.** *(Audio 3:53)*

**Consent Agenda**

Items 4-5 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 10:52)*

4. **Consider the minutes of the May 9, 2023, City Council meeting.**

5. **Consider appointment/reappointments to the Ethics Commission.**

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

**Planning and Zoning**

6. **Z-23-10 — Hold a public hearing and consider a zoning change from Agricultural to Commercial-2 District on an approximately 0.898-acre property located at 7272 Rattlesnake Trail, south of Interstate 14 and east of Simmons Road.** *(previously postponed)* *(Audio 11:42)*

Planner Tina Moore explained that the Council postponed this item previously as the Planning and Zoning Commission felt this rezoning would be more appropriate as a Planned Development.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson, and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the rezoning of 7272 Rattlesnake Trail was postponed until the applicant submits a revised application. The motion was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

7. **Z-23-07 — Hold a public hearing and consider a zoning change from Agricultural to Commercial-2 District on approximately 1.96-acre property located at 5880 W. US Hwy 190 Service Road, north of Interstate 14 and east of George Wilson Road.** *(No audio available for this item)*

Planner Tina Moore presented this item.

Public Hearing: Steve Wright, the builder representing the applicant, spoke in favor of the zoning change. No one else spoke for or against the item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bucher and a second by Councilmember Covington, 5880 W. US Hwy 190 Service Road was rezoned to Commercial-2 District upon a vote of 7-0 with the following conditions:

- The use of this property shall conform to the Commercial-2 District in all respects.
- The development of each property shall conform to all applicable Type Area 4 Design Standards, as identified in Ordinance 2014-17, Section 7.1 of the Zoning Ordinance, including:
  - Site Development Standards;
  - Landscape Design Standards; and
  - Tree Protection, Preservation and Mitigation Standards.

8. **P-23-15 — Consider a final plat for West Avenue O Professional Center, comprising 1.456 acres, located at 1261 W. Hwy 190 Service Road, on Interstate 14 Frontage Road east of Loop 121 and west of Connell Street.** *(Audio begins mid-item)*

Planner Tina Moore presented this item.

Upon a motion by Councilmember O'Banion and a second by Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, the final plat for West Avenue O Professional Center was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

### **Miscellaneous**

9. **Receive a presentation on the annual tax appraisal process and results for the City of Belton from Billy White, Chief Appraiser, Tax Appraisal District of Bell County.** (Audio 23:53)

Chief Appraiser Billy White presented Bell County's annual tax appraisal process and results. No action was required by the Council.

10. **Consider award of bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract for the College/13th Avenue Improvements and Annual Street Maintenance Project, and any change orders associated with the contract, not to exceed the amount authorized under State law.** (Audio 52:26)

Director of Public Works Matt Bates presented this item.

Upon a motion for approval by Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the contract with Texas Materials was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

11. **Consider award of bid and authorizing the City Manager to execute the construction contract for the Southwest Parkway Improvements Project, and any change orders associated with the contract, not to exceed the amount authorized under State law.** (Audio 1:12:17)

Director of Public Works Matt Bates presented this item.

Upon a motion for approval by Councilmember O'Banion, and a second by Councilmember Carpenter, the contract with DNT Construction was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

12. **Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Turley Associates for construction administration services for the Southwest Parkway Improvements Project.** (Audio 1:18:46)

Director of Public Works Matt Bates presented this item.

Upon a motion for approval by Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, and a second by Councilmember Pearson, the contract with Turley Associates was unanimously approved upon a vote of 7-0.

### **FY2024 Budget**

13. **Receive a presentation on the Strategic Plan Update.** (Audio 1:18:58)

Consultant Eric Haugeberg presented a summary of the update to the Strategic Plan. No action was required of Council on this item.

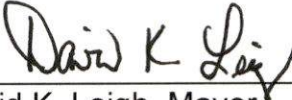
*The Council recessed from 7:07 P.M. until 7:14 P.M.*

**14. Conduct a work session on FY2024 budget considerations including, but not limited to, the following funds: (Audio 1:34:26)**

- A. General Fund
- B. Debt Service Fund

Director of Finance Mike Rodgers presented this item. No action was required of the Council on this item.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

  
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David K. Leigh, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Amy M. Casey, City Clerk