

Belton City Council Meeting
July 11, 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 Wayne Carpenter, Craig Pearson (Zoom), 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, Larry Berg, Paul Romer, Charlotte Walker, Cynthia Hernandez, Megan Odiorne, Jon Fontenot, Joe Dyer, Jo-Ell Guzman and Parks and Recreation Staff.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, and the Pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Director of Public Works Matt Bates. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Wayne Carpenter.

1. **Call to order.** Mayor Leigh called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. **Public Comments.** *(Audio 1:56)*

There were no comments.

3. **Proclamation – National Parks and Recreation Month – July 2023**

Mayor Leigh read the Proclamation for National Parks and Recreation Month, and members of the Belton Parks and Recreation Department were present to receive it.

4. **Recognize Manuel Zapata as a recipient of the 2023 National Recreation and Park Association's 30 under 30 award.**

Public Works Director Matt Bates recognized Recreation Coordinator Manuel Zapata on his receipt of this prestigious award.

Consent Agenda

Items 5-9 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 10:38)*

5. **Consider the minutes of previous meetings:**

- A. June 27, 2023, City Council Workshop meeting.
- B. June 27, 2023, City Council meeting.

6. Consider a resolution denying Oncor's application for approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor to increase distribution rates within the City.
7. Consider an allocation in the FY2024 General Fund budget of \$92,250 as a grant match for our new owner-occupied replacement homes through the Texas Home Investment Partnerships HRA Program by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for participation in the HOME Program.
8. Consider authorizing the Executive Director of the Belton Economic Development Corporation to enter into an infrastructure development agreement with TH Belton Industrial QOZP I, LP, for construction of a wastewater line from Digby Drive to IH-14.
9. Consider authorizing the City Manager to take all steps necessary to support the City of Houston in their challenge of the constitutionality of pre-emption legislation, HB2127.

Councilmember Carpenter requested that Consent Agenda Item 9 be pulled for discussion.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Holmes, and a second by Councilmember Covington, Consent Agenda Items 5-8, including the following captioned resolution, were approved upon a unanimous vote of 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-14-R

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR AND UPDATE GENERATION RIDERS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR; AUTHORIZING HIRING OF LEGAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

City Manager Sam Listi presented Item 9 stating that City staff feels it is very important for the City of Belton to take a stand with the City of Houston against the pre-emption bill, HB2127, that is set to go into effect on September 1, 2023.

Upon a motion by Councilmember O'Banion, and a second by Councilmember Carpenter, Consent Agenda Item 9 was approved upon a unanimous vote of 7-0.

FY2024 Budget

10. **Receive a presentation on the FY2024-FY2028 Strategic Plan and invite public input at the City Council meeting on August 22, 2023.** (Audio 15:51)

City Manager Sam Listi gave a presentation on the goals and objectives of the proposed FY2024-FY2028 Strategic Plan. Mr. Listi stated the Strategic Plan will be considered for adoption at the September 12, 2023, City Council meeting in conjunction with budget adoption, and he recommended the Council receive public input at the City Council meeting on August 22, 2023.

11. **Receive a presentation on the FY2024 Proposed Annual Budget for the City of Belton.** (Audio 26:24)

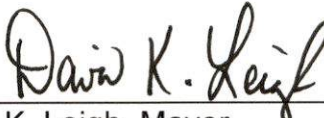
Director of Finance Mike Rodgers presented an overview of the proposed FY2024 Budget. No action is required of the Council at this time. Budget adoption is scheduled for the City Council meeting on September 12, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., at the Harris Community Center.

Miscellaneous

12. **Receive a presentation on Fire Department Training which occurred between June 5 and June 24, 2023.** (Audio 1:42:55)

Fire Chief Jon Fontenot presented this item. No action was required of the Council.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



David K. Leigh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy M. Casey, City Clerk