

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 13, 2010**

The Belton City Council met in regular session with the following members present: Mayor Jim Covington, Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, Councilmembers Clifton Peters, David K. Leigh, Wayne Carpenter, Craig Pearson, and John Agan. There were no members absent. Staff present were John Messer, Sam Listi, Connie Torres, Fred Morris, Les Hallbauer, Jen Wesley, Roy Harmon, Byron Sinclair, Jerri Gauntt, and Kim Kroll.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by LTC Eva Saiz and soldiers of the 15th Sustainment Brigade, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, and the Invocation was given by Darren Walker of the First United Methodist Church.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

Recognition of the 15th Sustainment Brigade for meritorious support to the City of Belton South Belton Creek Cleanup Project.

A presentation was shown with before/after pictures of the cleanup of Nolan Creek between the IH-35 service road and Avenue C, and between Main and Penelope. Forty-six truckloads of trash and debris were hauled off during the event, in addition to two full roll-offs. Public Works Director Les Hallbauer presented the City Manager with a very old Texas license plate as a keepsake. The Mayor recognized the soldiers of the 15th Sustainment Brigade's Rear Detachment for their exceptional support of the project, and presented LTC Evangeline Saiz and her soldiers with a plaque and thank you cards for their support.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Grayson requested the appointment to the Youth Advisory Commission be pulled from the consent agenda. Councilmember Peters confirmed that Heritage Park will remain named as is and only the baseball field names will be changed, and the City Manager indicated that was correct. Upon motion by Councilmember Leigh, seconded by Councilmember Peters, the following items were unanimously approved:

Minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting. Approved as presented.

Consider renaming the baseball fields at Heritage Park, to honor Belton youth baseball advocate, Jimmy Morton, and former Parks Department employees, Chuck Tatom, Larry Griffin, and William Lester.

Approved renaming the baseball fields at Heritage Park after three former parks employees, and an advocate of Belton youth baseball: Chuck Tatom, Larry Griffin, William Lester, and Jimmy Morton. The Parks Board approved the item at its meeting on April 5, 2010. The fields will be signed for this season and will also retain their current designations of Fields 1-4.

Consider a resolution authorizing signatories for contract documents associated with the Texas Department of Rural Affairs Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) #729889 for wastewater improvements in the Miller Heights area.

Approved the resolution captioned below providing for designation of the following City staff authorized to execute documents under this CDBG program: City Manager Sam Listi, Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell, City Clerk Connie Torres, and Assistant Finance Director Karen Evans.

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES TO EXECUTE VOUCHERS AND CERTAIN REQUESTS FOR ADVANCE OR REIMBURSEMENT AND CONTRACT AMENDMENTS OR BUDGET MODIFICATIONS DURING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2009 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FUNDED WASTEWATER SYTEM IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.

Consider a resolution endorsing the Cities Aggregation Power Project's (CAPP's) legislative/Sunset agenda.

Approved the following captioned resolution endorsing CAPP's legislative/Sunset agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, ENDORSING CERTAIN LEGISLATIVE CHANGES RELATING TO THE SUNSET REVIEW OF THE TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AND THE SPECIAL PURPOSE REVIEW OF THE ELECTRIC RELIABILITY COUNCIL OF TEXAS.

Consider acknowledging compliance with the terms of the original Development Agreement between the Belton Economic Development Corporation and Eagle Leasing/Covan.

Approved the item recognizing that the original development agreement is in compliance with construction and employment agreements, without extension of the original term. It is further understood that Eagle Leasing is committed to maintaining a minimum of 35 employees through the end of the contract term, December 2014. The item was approved by the BEDC Board at its meeting on April 6, 2010.

Consider authorizing extension of lease agreement between the City and Belco Manufacturing Company, Inc. for property located on Taylor's Valley Road.

Authorized extension of the lease from June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011 for \$750 per month, with a 30-day termination clause that can be exercised at the City's option, with the following conditions:

- Lessee shall maintain the lease property at all times to the satisfaction of the Lessor.
- Lessee shall ensure stored materials remain exclusively within the fenced property boundary.
- Perimeter fence shall be maintained during the term of the lease by the Lessee.

Miscellaneous

Consider appointment to the Youth Advisory Commission.

The City Manager explained the YAC's Bylaws include a provision to replace a member who is unable to attend regular meetings. He recommended the appointment of Daniel House to complete the unexpired term of Catherine Conti, who has been unable to attend the YAC meetings.

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Grayson, seconded by Councilmember Carpenter, the Council unanimously appointed Daniel House to the YAC. City Attorney John Messer then administered the oath of office to Mr. House.

Consider a resolution adopting the Belton's Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan.

The City Manager indicated the Parks and Recreation Strategic Master Plan was presented by Brent Luck, Luck Design Team, at the last meeting. Several comments were received by members of the public and others involved in the process, and changes recommended by Texas Parks and Wildlife were incorporated into the Plan. He recommended the Council approve the resolution formally adopting the Plan as presented.

Councilmember Pearson made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Agan, and the following captioned resolution was unanimously approved:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-12

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE 2010-2020 PARKS AND RECREATION STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Recreation Engineering and Planning for a feasibility study for Nolan Creek.

The City Manager explained the second highest priority identified in the new Parks Strategic Master Plan was to provide more water recreational resources. This Proposal results from a site visit to Rio Vista Park (San Marcos, Texas) in February, and the consensus was the need for expert engineering analysis to determine the realistic opportunity for transformation of Nolan Creek for

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enhanced recreational use. Mr. Listi stated Recreation Engineering and Planning (Boulder, Colorado) submitted a Proposal for Feasibility and Conceptual Design Services for Nolan Creek Whitewater and Habitat Improvements. Phase 1 services total \$9,800, and include the following elements:

- A one day site visit for up to two members of the firm
- Meet with local stakeholders to confirm project viability
- Development of a conceptual plan/schematic design and summary report
- Preparation of a Conceptual Cost Estimate for the project

The City Manager explained the Parks Board conducted a workshop on water recreation options on Nolan Creek on April 5, 2010, and recognized the “tremendous potential” of fuller utilization of Nolan Creek and the “great asset to the City’s Park System” reflected by this proposal. Mr. Listi recommended authorizing execution of an agreement with Recreation Engineering and Planning, with funds in the amount of \$9,800 to come from General Fund fund balance.

Councilmember Carpenter stated he is excited about exploring the idea of recreational uses of Nolan Creek, and made a motion to approve the agreement as recommended. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Grayson and carried unanimously.

Conduct a work session on upcoming sidewalk construction plans.

Public Works Director Les Hallbauer and Trae Sutton, KPA Engineers, gave an overview of the following upcoming sidewalk construction projects:

- Along Sparta Road between the Fire Department and Wal-Mart, and from Tiger Road to Sparta Road near Loop 121, following addition of a right turn lane at Sparta Road/Loop 121;
- Along Main Street from 6th Avenue to the railroad overpass; and
- Miller Heights area pending receipt of a Safe Routes to Schools Grant, for 6,500 lineal feet of sidewalk to include addition of curb and gutter.

Councilmember Peters suggested if any funding remains, there are several people who ride wheelchairs to Wal-Mart along the west side of Main Street and sidewalks would be beneficial. Councilmember Pearson asked if the extension of Commerce Drive will include sidewalks, and Mr. Hallbauer indicated sidewalks will be constructed on both sides. Councilmember Leigh asked if the left turn lane on Sparta Road can be extended further down when the right turn lane is added, and Mr. Hallbauer stated they would take a look at it. No action was required for this item.

Conduct a work session regarding HOP Transit operations in Belton.

The City Manager introduced HOP Transit Manager Robert Ator, who updated the Council on several transit related issues after the first year of service in Belton:

- Annual Ridership Report: Route 610 (circulating through Belton) meets the minimum performance factor of 2.0 passengers per hour, with the most heavily used areas as follows:
 - Wal-Mart
 - UMHB
 - Penelope
 - Mitchell
 - FM 436
 - Proposal for route changes to increase passenger use: The following areas have been identified to date:
 - Service into Industrial Park
 - Service into Justice Center
 - Service into Avenue J housing area
 - Status of bus shelters for Belton: Based on estimated construction costs, the HOP estimates at least 11 shelters can be installed in Belton (estimated at 3-5 shelters each year for the next three years at an annual cost of \$6,109). Though a list will be presented to the City Manager’s office before installation, the following areas have been identified to date:
 - Wal-Mart on Sparta Road
 - UMHB on 10th Avenue
 - Mitchell near Avenue I area
 - Highway 436 near Wall Street area
 - FY 2011 budget request
 - Operating \$ 6,130 (down from FY 2010 at \$8,297)
 - Shelters \$ 6,109
- Total \$12,239

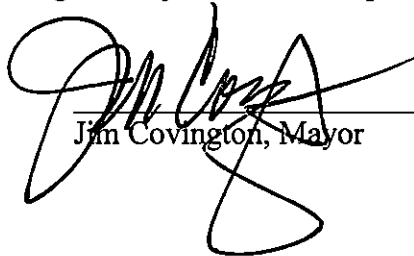
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Mr. Ator proposed going forward with the route changes, and proceeding with a public hearing and public notices, so the changes can be made within approximately 90 days. The City Manager explained approval of the budget allocation will come back before the Council.

The Mayor announced the Hill Country Transit Board voted earlier today to allow Hill Country Transit to enter into negotiations with Aspen Air on US Highway 190, to relocate all of its operations to Belton. The Council concurred Hill Country Transit could move forward with the public hearing and notices to get the proposed route changes underway.

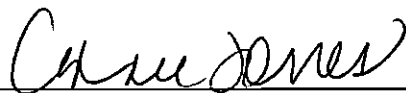
Councilmember Peters asked about the possibility of adding a stop along Commerce Drive to allow people from Montrose Apartments and Legacy Landing Apartments to better utilize the service. Mr. Ator indicated additional stops will be added and will be reviewed with City staff along with proposed shelter locations. Mr. Ator added he would get first quarter daily ridership statistics as requested by the Council to the City Manager within the next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Torres, City Clerk