

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
AUGUST 2, 2011 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Belton City Council met in work session in the Kinchion Room of the Harris Community Center, with the following members present: Mayor Jim Covington, Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, Councilmembers David K. Leigh, Wayne Carpenter, Craig Pearson, and John Agan. Councilmember Clifton Peters was absent. Staff present were Sam Listi, Connie Torres, Cristy Daniell, Les Hallbauer, Gene Ellis, Bruce Pritchard, Jerri Gauntt, Kim Kroll, Sandy Slade, Charlotte Walker, and Denny Lassetter. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

Conduct General Fund Budget Workshop for FY 2012.

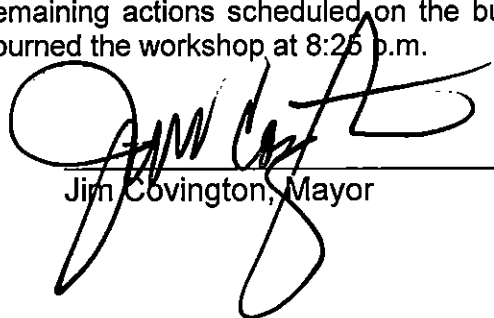
Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell indicated the proposed budget was based on the certified roll and effective tax rate of \$0.6540, a \$0.0010 decrease from the current rate. She gave an overview of revenues and expenditures, with the following key points:

- Sales tax revenues are projected for slight growth to include projections for major new retail development slated to occur in FY 2012.
- Personnel expenditures include funding one additional police officer and a pool of \$100,000 for the merit pay plan and civil service step pay.
- Health insurance premiums are budgeted with an anticipated 10% or less increase effective January 1.
- TMRS rate will decrease from 8.50% to 6.96% effective January 1.
- The total fuel budget in Supplies will increase \$97,550 (60%) and no small equipment is budgeted, as departments are encouraged to make use of current year funding for those purchases.
- Services line items include increases for engineering and street lighting, and a decrease in the City's allocation for the Bell County Communications Center. Also, one time-funding of \$14,000 in the current budget for four house demolitions is not included in next year's budget.
- Debt service consists of repayment to the Greathouse Trust fund for two ambulances.
- Transfers include Library Book Fund (\$20,000), Civil Service Fund for sick pay and appeals (\$70,000), and Youth Advisory Commission Fund (\$1,000).
- \$100,000 is budgeted for transfers to General Fund Capital Equipment Fund, with expenditures deferred until mid-year.
- Strategic Plan funding includes comprehensive update of the Strategic Plan (1/2) - \$2,625, federal lobbyist (2/3) - \$40,000, Police station needs assessment - \$35,000, Mayor/CM travel for congressional visits - \$7,000, and leadership training - \$2,500.
- The contingency amount remains at \$100,000.

In a new format this year, Department Heads presented budget information and goals/priorities for their respective department as follows:

- Sam Listi, City Manager – City Council & Administration
- Connie Torres, City Clerk – City Clerk & Legal
- Cristy Daniell, Assistant City Manager – Finance, Human Resources, Refuse Collection & non-departmental costs
- Gene Ellis, Police Chief – Police
- Bruce Pritchard, Interim Fire Chief – Fire
- Denny Lassetter, IT Director – Information Technology & GIS
- Les Hallbauer, Public Works Director – Streets, Parks & Recreation Facilities, Brush Collection & Maintenance
- Sandy Slade, Recreation & Events Director – Harris Community Center & Recreation
- Sam Listi, City Manager – Development Services (in the absence of Director Fred Morris)
- Kim Kroll, Library Director – Lena Armstrong Public Library

In closing, Ms. Daniell reviewed the remaining actions scheduled on the budget calendar, and there being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the workshop at 8:25 p.m.

  
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Jim Covington, Mayor

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Connie Torres, City Clerk