

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2014**

The Belton City Council met in special session with the following members present: Mayor Marion Grayson, Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh, Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Guy O'Banion, and Dan Kirkley. Councilmembers Paul Sanderford and Jerri Gauntt were absent. Staff present was Sam Listi, Jana Lewellen, Brandon Bozon, Susan Allamon, Cynthia Hernandez, Gene Ellis, Francisco Corona, Mike Huber, Erin Newcomer, Kim Kroll, Matt Bates, Charlotte Walker, Denny Lassetter, Paul Romer, and Aaron Harris.

1. Call to order. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. Discuss ad valorem tax rate and debt service fund.

Finance Director Brandon Bozon presented a summary of the certified tax, highlighting the total market value and property exemptions. Mr. Bozon reviewed the City's taxable value, historical collection rate, and a comparison of potential tax rates/options for FY 2015. Mr. Bozon explained the value of an average home for 2015 will be \$132,152, and provided a break-down of TIRZ values.

Mr. Bozon reviewed the debt service fund summary including revenues and expenditures. Mr. Bozon also provided the GO debt service schedule.

In closing, Mr. Bozon stated the proposed budget is based on the current rate of \$0.6598, and reiterated the variety of tax rate options.

3. Discuss general fund revenues and expenditures.

Finance Director Brandon Bozon presented an overview of revenues expenditures, with the FY15 proposed revenues exceeding FY14 budget by \$703,018, and the FY15 proposed expenditures exceeding FY14 by \$510,467.

Mr. Bozon provided a sales tax summary with a projection of 5% over prior year budget.

In conclusion, Mr. Bozon provided a final summary highlighting the following:

- Balanced budget proposed with no change to current tax rate
- Proposed O&M increase 2.74%
- Proposed budget includes elements to meet some long term capital needs and move the City forward in a direction consistent with the Strategic Plan
  - My Permit Now, Content Manger, GIS Workstation
  - Police Tahoe, Ambulance, Street Crack Sealer, Parks Groomer

- Ad valorem tax roll
  - Increase in taxable base of approximately 7%
  - Decrease in O&M tax rate of approximately 1%
- Sales tax showing continue growth
- Franchise tax overall stable
- Refuse collection reflects community growth
- Ambulance revenue reflects an increase on current year trends
- Not all requests were able to be met in the FY 2015 budget
  - Eight new positions requested, one funded
  - \$667,962 of capital requested, \$173,557 funded
  - O&M (excluding personnel) reduced \$300,310
  - Total Budget reduction from initial request: \$1,083,127
- Department heads to discuss specific departmental needs
  - Long term plans for service improvement
  - Capital needs
  - Personnel needs

At 5:55 p.m., the Council relocated to the Kinchion Room for the following:

4. Break for dinner and receive team building report from Bill Moyer, SOS Leadership, in Kinchion Room.

At 6:45 p.m., the Council returned to the Wright Room for the following:

5. Return to Wright Room for Department Head Budget Presentations (projected minutes)

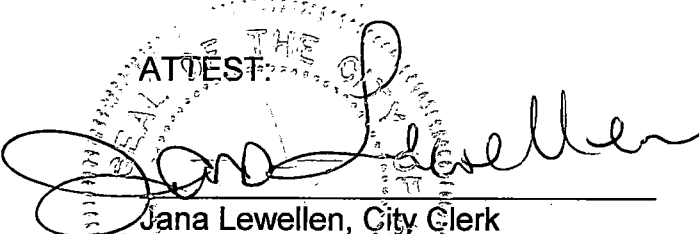
Department Heads presented budget information and goals/priorities for their respective department as follows:

- Information Technology – Denny Lassetter
- Parks & Recreation - Matt Bates
- Fire – Francisco Corona
- Human Resources – Charlotte Walker
- Police – Gene Ellis
- Library – Kim Kroll
- Public Works – Mike Huber
- Planning – Erin Newcomer
- Finance – Brandon Bozon
- Council/Admin/Clerk/Court/ - Sam Listi, Jana Lewellen  
PIO/Grants & Special Projects – Paul Romer

In closure, Council requested staff to review the proposed budget and provide some alternative options to include some additional identified needs. No action was taken.

6. Adjourn - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

  
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Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Jana Lewellen, City Clerk

