

BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2014

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by City Manager Sam Listi, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Craig Pearson, and the Invocation was given by Reverend William Hill, African American Churches United, Belton, Texas.

1. Call to Order: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Public Comments. Joshua C. Pearson, 3107 Riverplace Drive, Belton, Texas 76513 spoke regarding Section 3.1 of the Belton, Texas, Code of Ordinances concerning small animals and fowl. Mr. Pearson requested Council review the current ordinance, and consider an amendment regarding the minimum distance allowed between any building or structure, with additional flexibility for the City Manager or his designee.
3. Presentations and Recognitions:
 - A. Receive 22nd Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2013.

The City Manager Sam Listi announced the City has received this award for the 22nd consecutive year, presented this award to Finance Director Brandon Bozon, and expressed his appreciation to the City's Finance Department.

- B. Receive 2014 Silver Leadership Circle Award from the Texas Comptroller's Office.

The City Manager Sam Listi stated the City has received this award from the Texas Comptroller's Leadership Circle program for the fifth consecutive year, and noted the program was launched in 2009 to recognize local governments striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. Mr. Listi presented the award to Finance Director Brandon Bozon and the Finance Department, and thanked staff for their assistance in creating these documents.

C. Recognize Firefighter Medic Joseph Hill for completion of his Firefighter Academy Training.

Fire Chief Francisco Corona recognized Firefighter Medic Joseph Hill for completion of the Firefighter Academy Training, and congratulated him on this accomplishment.

D. Katie Mitchell, MDA Area Director – Waco, Temple, Killeen, would like to recognize the Belton Fire Department for raising the most money ever during the 2014 annual "Fill The Boot" event.

MDA Area Director Katie Mitchell recognized the Belton Fire Department for not only raising \$11,744.00, topping last year's amount of \$7,194.00, but for raising the most money ever during the annual "Fill The Boot" event sending fourteen children to camp this year.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Gauntt asked that Items 6 and 7 be pulled from Consent Agenda. Upon motion by Councilmember Kirkley and seconded by Councilmember Pearson, the following items 4 and 5 were unanimously approved.

4. Minutes of previous meetings. Minutes were approved as presented.

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5. Consider appointment to the following boards and commissions:

A. Parks Board - Council reappointed Josh Pearson and Daniel Bucher to another two-year term.

B. Zoning Board of Adjustment. – Council reappointment David Jarratt and Tony Gallagher to another two-year term.

6. Consider a resolution authorizing the Police Department to apply for a FY 2015 COPS Hiring Program grant.

Chief Ellis presented this item to Council and noted this will be the fourth time the Belton Police Department will apply for this grant. Chief Ellis stated the grant request will be to hire one new entry level officer at a total three year cost of \$160,530 (\$120,398 in grant funds and \$40,132 in City funds) with

benefits, and recommend approval of proposed resolution authorizing the Police Department to make application for a 2014 COPS Hiring Program grant.

Councilmember Gauntt asked if there was a need for an additional police position as indicated in the request. Chief Ellis stated yes there is a need for this officer, and for additional officers which will be presented during the upcoming budget workshop.

Upon motion by Councilmember Gauntt and seconded by Councilmember Kirkley, the following resolution was unanimously approved as captioned below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22-R

**CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS
2014 COPS GRANT**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION THROUGH THE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICE SERVICES (COPS) 2014 GRANT FUNDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACT IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE GRANT, IF AWARDED.

7. Consider an Interlocal Agreement with the Belton Independent School District for operation of a career and technical high school education fire course.

Fire Chief Corona provided a staff report to Council in their packets, and stated he was available for any questions regarding this item.

Councilmember Gauntt stated the staff report indicated this would not affect our budget and was this correct? Chief Corona stated there would be no fiscal impact on the budget, and off-duty Belton firefighters would be paid by Belton Independent School District.

Upon motion by Councilmember Gauntt and seconded by Councilmember Pearson, the agreement was unanimously approved as presented.

Councilmember Sanderford excused himself from the meeting.

Miscellaneous

8. Consider amending Resolution No. 2006-22 regarding Policies and Procedures for City Council Meetings.

City Clerk Jana Faucett presented this item to Council. Ms. Faucett presented the proposed amendments to the existing resolution and recommended approval.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kirkley and seconded by Councilmember Pearson, the following resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0 as captioned below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23-R

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2006-22 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, REGARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

9. Consider authorizing the City Manager to take all steps necessary for conveyance of a portion of the former Rockwool property, totaling approximately 74 of 94 acres, from the City of Belton to the Belton Economic Development Corporation, to use in a manner that primarily promotes a public purpose of the municipality, in accordance with Section 253.012 of the Local Government Code.

City Manager Sam Listi presented this item to Council and provided the chronology of the Rockwool Plant Site, which outlines the long history of the City's involvement in the reclamation of the former Rockwool insulation property, located on FM 93 just east of IH 35.

Mr. Listi noted that while we will transfer most obligations to BEDC, the City will continue to be involved in site redevelopment to a significant degree through consultation; ongoing coordination with TCEQ; collaboration on site maintenance issues; and related matters. Mr. Listi stated these matters will be quantified when the final Agreement is presented for BEDC and Council approval, and recommended authorizing the City Manager to take all steps necessary for conveyance of a portion of the former Rockwool property, totaling approximately 74 of 94 acres, from the City of Belton to the Belton Economic Development Corporation, to use in a manner that primarily promotes a public purpose of the municipality, in accordance with Section 253.012 of the Local Government Code.

Councilmember Gauntt asked if all of the property, including the 21 acres along Nolan Creek, was zoned Heavy Industrial. Mr. Listi stated yes, all of the property is currently zoned Heavy Industrial.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kirkley and seconded by Councilmember Pearson, the following item was approved by a vote of 5-0.

After the motion, City Attorney John Messer wished to express his thanks to City Manager Sam Listi for his hours devoted to this project, and commended TCEQ and EPA for their cooperation.


Work Session

10. Discuss implementation of technology enhancements for City Council and Staff and consider a budget amendment.

Information Technology Director Denny Lassetter presented this item to Council and provided demonstrations of various tasks on an iPad including agenda distribution, agenda access and navigation, Early Flood Warning System, and how to access city email.

Following a thorough discussion regarding the various devices available and related expenses, the overall consensus of Council was to move forward with this proposal, and bring back to Council as an action item for approval.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jana Faucett, City Clerk

