

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2012**

The Belton City Council met in regular session with the following members present: Mayor Jim Covington, Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, Councilmembers Clifton Peters, Wayne Carpenter, Craig Pearson, and John Agan. Councilmember David K. Leigh was absent. Staff present were John Messer, Sam Listi, Connie Torres, Karen Evans, Les Hallbauer, Gene Ellis, Francisco Corona, Erin Newcomer, Jerri Gauntt, Kim Kroll, Sandy Slade, and Denny Lassetter.

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 Clifton Peters, and the Invocation was given by Jack Helmer, Military Minister at the First Baptist Church. Mayor Pro Tem Grayson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Administer the Oath of Office to the Mayor. The City Attorney administered the Oath of Office to Jim Covington.

Public comments.

Library Director Kim Kroll informed the audience about this year's Summer Reading Program. Ms. Kroll indicated they have 250 children are registered thus far for the program, and the Library staff is looking forward to another great year.

Consent Agenda

The Mayor pulled the BEDC budget amendment and the street naming committee from the consent agenda. Councilmember Agan made a motion to approve the remaining items, and the motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter. The following were unanimously approved:

Minutes of previous meetings: Approved as presented.

- A. May 8, 2012 regular meeting
- B. May 22, 2012 regular meeting

Consider appointment to the following boards and commissions:

- A. Ethics Commission – Appointed the following to a one year term:

Councilmember	Nominee
Jim Covington	Brett Turner
Marion Grayson	Robert Jones
Clifton Peters	Milissa Mondrik
David K. Leigh	Mark Fitzwater
Craig Pearson	Larry Pointer
John Agan	Dennis Turk
Wayne Carpenter	Eric Banfield

- B. Belton Economic Development Corporation Board – Appointed Barry Harper to fill an unexpired term due to Robert Dominguez, Jr.'s resignation.
- C. Planning & Zoning Commission – Reappointed Dan Kirkley, Frank Minosky, Ben Pamplin, and Matt Wood, for additional two-year terms, and appointed Joel Berryman to replace Jeff Pustka, who did not seek reappointment.
- D. Parks Board – Appointed Josh Pearson and Daniel Bucher to two year terms on this board, as Joe Brooks and Jim Deeken did not seek reappointment.

Consider a resolution denying Atmos Energy Corporation's application for authority to increase rates.

Approved the following captioned resolution, denying the proposed rate increase requested by Atmos:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-13

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, ("CITY") DENYING A RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 31, 2012; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; AND MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT.

Consider an ordinance amending the fee schedule regarding fees for nuisance abatement (grass mowing/lot cleanup).

Approved the ordinance captioned below, amending the City's fee schedule to add fees charged by vendors for mowing and lot cleanup (actual cost + 20%):

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE ESTABLISHING RATES AND FEES FOR CERTAIN ITEMS, SERVICES AND PERMITS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS.

Consider a resolution designating local government officers for the purposes of Section 176 of the Texas Local Government Code (LGC) regarding conflicts of interest.

Approved the resolution captioned below designating all Belton City Councilmembers, the City Manager, and the Finance Director, as Belton's local government representatives for purposes of Section 176 of the LGC:

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS DESIGNATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 176 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

Consider authorizing a budget amendment to the Belton Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) Fund for payments pursuant to incentive commitments for FY 2012.

The City Manager introduced Cynthia Hernandez, Executive Director of the BEDC, who explained the development agreement with CGI Technologies and Solutions provides for a variety of incentive commitments, triggered by various employment and infrastructure levels. The company has met some initial benchmarks and payments are coming due. With 74 employees in its temporary facility. Ms. Hernandez indicated the company plans to add more seating as they anticipate hiring additional employees soon, and are on target to meet the agreement requirement of 126 employees by the end of 2012. Ms. Hernandez explained CGI's 40,000 sq. ft. building is under construction with a target move-in date in early December. She recognized Chris Flor, CGI's Director of Center of Excellence in Belton, who was in the audience.

Mr. Listi stated the BEDC Board approved the budget amendment in the amount of \$1,420,000 from BEDC fund balance at its meeting on June 5, 2012, and he recommended approval. Upon motion by Councilmember Pearson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Grayson, the Council unanimously approved the item as recommended.

Consider appointment of a committee to develop policies for naming/renaming streets.

The City Manager stated at the May 22, 2012 meeting, the Council consensus was to appoint a committee to develop a policy for naming/renaming City streets. While streets are typically named by the developer as new subdivisions are platted and built, occasionally, a request is submitted to rename or “dual name” an already named street. This is the case in the request from the Belton African American Churches United, to rename a street after the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Mr. Listi indicated staff is compiling policies from other cities and the Texas Municipal League, to aid in developing a policy for Belton, since future similar requests are likely. Staff hopes to have a policy recommendation ready for Council consideration before the end of this summer, with an action item on the pending request to follow soon thereafter. He recommended appointment of the following Street Naming Policy Committee:

Name	Representing
Wayne Carpenter	City Councilmember
Larry Guess	Chair, Planning & Zoning Commission
Rev. H. E. Jackson, Jr.	Belton African American Churches United (Pastor, Mt. Zion UMC)
Robert Atmar	BISD Superintendent Representative
Commissioner Richard Cortese	Bell County Judge’s Representative
Stephanie O’Banion	Chamber of Commerce
Connie Demerson	Citizen
Adam Lucksinger	Business Representative (Belton Feed & Supply)
STAFF	
Byron Sinclair	Assistant Public Works Director
Erin Newcomer	Planning Director
David Hermsillo	GIS Analyst
Neale Potts	City Attorney’s office

Reverend David Norman, Magnolia First Baptist Church, 511 S. Pearl Street, stated Belton African American Churches United prefers the street not be dual named, but to be singly named Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. The Mayor thanked Reverend Norman for his comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Grayson made a motion to approve the committee appointment as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Peters and carried unanimously.

Workshop Items

Conduct Drainage Fund budget workshop.

Assistant Finance Director Karen Evans gave a historical summary of this fund created in 2007, following implementation of Phase II storm water regulations by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). She presented the proposed Drainage Fund budget with the following key elements:

- Current monthly billing of \$29,600 will generate \$355,200 in annual billings.
- Residential rates are \$3.00 per month, and non-residential rates depend on the square footage of impervious cover. No rate changes are proposed for FY 2013.
- Personnel expenditures include two full-time staff positions, with 1/3 of the GIS position also to be paid from this fund.
- Services include several items such as heavy equipment rental (\$5,000), design guidelines (\$5,000), public education (\$4,000), and engineering (\$2,500). Most notable however, is the street sweeper has been paid off, which was budgeted at \$39,104 annually for the last four years.
- Debt service of \$24,664 for the City’s share of 2008 CO’s used for drainage facilities in the Avenue D project.
- Capital outlay expenditures include \$50,000 for small drainage projects and \$5,000 for an additional flood monitoring station on Nolan Creek.

Public Works Director Les Hallbauer gave a presentation highlighting the Oakview Drainage Project, and the status of the City's efforts to collect data regarding its storm water lines, culverts, inlets, channels, etc., in order to meet TCEQ's permit requirements due August 2012. GIS Analyst David Hermosillo briefed the Council about the process he and the Public Works GPS team used to gather the information. IT Director Denny Lassetter gave an update on the Nolan Creek early flood warning system, which gives the City real-time data regarding rainfall and stream depth at Paddy Hamilton Road along Nolan Creek.

Councilmember Agan asked about the potential uses of projected fund balance, and the City Manager indicated the funds will be used for drainage projects identified in the current Drainage Master Plan, or others that may emerge through a Capital Improvements Plan process, to meet existing and future needs. The Mayor asked if drainage fund balance could be used to modify the drainage channel at Nolan Creek, in order to get water downstream quicker, specifically from IH-35 to Central Avenue, east of IH-35, in the Shirttail Bend area. Mr. Listi indicated a drainage project such as this could be eligible, and indicated staff would take a look at it. There were no other comments, and no action was needed.

Conduct workshop discussion on FY 2013-2018 Strategic Plan.

The City Manager gave an overview of the Strategic Plan update process and the goals for this year's update. He suggested the addition of a brief Mission Statement that expresses the City's service commitment in a fairly simple form. Mayor Covington commented he recalled the City had developed a Mission Statement in the earlier years of the Strategic Plan.


Mr. Listi reviewed Policy A in the current Strategic Plan: *The City of Belton provides effective and efficient City Government for its Citizens*, and each of the elements in this section. He reviewed the 14 objectives, and all existing rankings were recommended for retention unchanged, except for Item 14, *Applies new and emerging technologies where appropriate to improve services and reduce costs*. Mr. Listi recommended Item 14 be changed to High priority; Needed; and proposed for Year 1. The City Manager requested as this update process continues, that the City Council consider whether the objectives in each policy statement are adequately emphasized, or if something is missing or needs to be deleted. No action was taken.

Executive Session

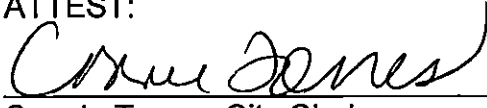
At 6:32 p.m., the Mayor announced the Council would go into executive session and closed the meeting, for the following:

Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Govt. Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, in accordance with the authority contained in Section 551.072, to discuss real estate transactions.

At 6:59 p.m. the Mayor reopened the meeting, and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:


Connie Torres, City Clerk