

BELTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MARCH 11, 2014

The Belton City Council met in work session with the following members present: Mayor Jim Covington, Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, Councilmembers Jerri Gauntt, John Agan and Dan Kirkley. Councilmembers Craig Pearson and David K. Leigh were absent. Staff present was John Messer, Sam Listi, Jana Faucett, Mike Huber, and Mack Parker.

1. Call to Order: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
2. Hold a work session to review the design concept for the Sparta Road widening project, from Loop 121 to Texas 317.

City Manager Sam Listi stated as we've done in the past, we wanted to share with Council the design concept so you have a good sense of what we are planning and to make sure the concept is consistent with Council's expectations prior to moving forward. Design Engineer Mack Parker provided a brief overview of the design concept to Council.

Councilmember Gauntt asked for the traffic count and asked why the speeds were so high on this street. Public Works Director Mike Huber explained in most cases speeds are set before businesses come forward, and the speed was more than likely set when this was a more rural area. Mr. Huber indicated a more reasonable speed will be reviewed once complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Grayson asked if the traffic light could come at a later date to help alleviate heavy traffic. Mr. Parker indicated if that is the option you desire, we can move forward with the underground portion, and the traffic light can come later. Mr. Huber indicated there were other traffic control options available. Councilmember Agan asked if there was an industry standard that warrants a traffic light. Mr. Parker indicated there are standards used by TxDOT and this can be reviewed. Mr. Listi also indicated the Traffic Impact Analysis can be looked at in order to provide all of the facts necessary to make this determination.

Mr. Parker indicated this project would be begin approximately one year from May, 2014, as there are utilities to move, right-of-way to acquire, final design, and decisions regarding how to phase this project traffic wise.

The overall consensus of Council was to proceed with the design concept as presented.

3. Hold a work session to review a Change Order for the Nolan Creek Pedestrian and Bike Trail Extension Project.

Public Works Director Mike Huber provided a brief overview and indicated this was an action item for this evening's meeting. Mr. Huber stated this change order would replace the dry stack concrete retaining wall with a concrete retaining wall covered with a limestone block skin. Mr. Huber said this proposed retaining wall design would match the existing retaining wall that was constructed in Phase I of the Nolan Creek Pedestrian and Bike Trail and the proposed retaining wall has more desirable structural characteristics and aesthetic characteristics.

Council agreed and with the proposed changes and appreciated the continuity with the existing retaining wall constructed in Phase I.

4. Hold a work session to consider a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Temple on use of the inactive basin at the TB-WWTP for an effluent pump station.

City Manager Sam Listi presented an overview of this item and stated this memorandum of understanding will authorize use by Temple of an inactive basin at the jointly-owned Temple-Belton Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Listi introduced Don Bond, P.E., City of Temple, and Thomas Valle, P.E., Kasberg, Patrick & Associates.

Mr. Valle provided a background summary of the existing inactive basin and a brief overview of the Temple-Belton Regional Sewerage System Structural Condition Assessment prepared by Aguirre & Fields LP. Mr. Valle also provided historical Temple-Belton WWTP flow records.

Council voiced concerns regarding how the effluent is effectively metered, when it's metered, and will Temple be entitled to some compensation should Panda exceed Temple's 75% of the Plant effluent for operation. Council requested this item be tabled for further review.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.


Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jana Faucett

Jana Faucett, City Clerk

