

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
MAY 21, 2013**

The Belton City Council met in special session in the Kinchion Room of the Harris Community Center, with the following members present: Mayor Jim Covington, Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, Councilmembers Craig Pearson, and Jerri Gauntt. Councilmembers David K. Leigh, John Agan and Dan Kirkley were absent. Staff present were Sam Listi, Connie Torres, Gene Ellis, and Mike Huber. Also in attendance were BISD School Board President Randy Pittenger and Eric Haugeberg, Deputy Superintendent for Finance & Operations.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Hold a public hearing and present municipal services plan for the voluntary annexation of an area comprising approximately 15.69 acres located generally north of US Highway 190 along the west side of Wheat Road, as requested by the Belton Independent School District.

The City Manager explained this is the first of two required public hearings involving a voluntary annexation request from the Belton Independent School District (BISD) for approximately 15.69 acres of land proposed for construction of Chisholm Trail Elementary School. He showed the area on a map and presented the municipal services plan for the area as required.

The Mayor asked if Dog Ridge Water Supply Corporation (DRWSC) has water meters available to serve this area, and Mr. Listi indicated they do have water and a 6" line along Wheat Road, but they could not provide fire protection to BISD, so the City/BISD requested DRWSC allow the City to serve this location. DRWSC subsequently concurred in dual water certification to allow the City to serve the BISD site with all its water needs. An application has been submitted to TCEQ for Belton's dual water certification and is nearing final approval. Mr. Listi stated municipal water service will be extended to this area proposed for annexation, and water/sewer in the Belton Business Park will be extended across Wheat Road; BISD will subsequently extend water/ sewer to its site as required by the City's Subdivision Ordinance. Public Works Director Mike Huber explained the City will likely do a bore for this utility service depending on timing, and if Wheat Road can be widened to three lanes. Mr. Listi stated the Capital Improvements Plan recommendation includes a component to widen Wheat Road to three lanes, and he and the School Superintendent met with Bell County to discuss the school project, with 600 students anticipated in the Fall of 2014, growing to 800 students at full development (acknowledged by Mr. Haugeberg). He added though there were no commitments made by Bell County, the City and BISD presented information about school boundaries, which does affect traffic circulation on this county road. Mr. Pittenger commented it's his understanding the County only budgets for road maintenance, not road improvements.

Following review of the services plan, Mr. Listi recommended the public hearing be conducted, and indicated the second public hearing is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on May 28, 2013. The Mayor opened the hearing and there were no public comments, therefore the hearing was closed.

Councilmember Gauntt asked if the City is 100% sure that Wheat Road will not be the Lake-to-Lake Road alignment, and Mr. Listi stated the Texas Department of Transportation continues to work on a proposed alignment, but Wheat Road is not the current anticipated alignment. Councilmember Pearson asked if this annexation would create any anomalies in the City's Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction, and the City Manager stated he doesn't believe it will have any affect, given its limited scope.

Mr. Listi thanked BISD for its request for voluntary annexation, and stated he looks forward to construction of the new school ready to open in 2014. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

  
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Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Connie Torres, City Clerk