

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 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, David K. Leigh, Wayne Carpenter, Craig Pearson, and John Agan. There were no members absent. Staff present were John Messer, Sam Listi, Connie Torres, Cristy Daniell, Les Hallbauer, Gene Ellis, Francisco Corona, Byron Sinclair, Erin Newcomer, Jerri Gauntt, Sandy Slade, Charlotte Walker, and Denny Lassetter.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Planning Director Erin Newcomer, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson, and the Invocation was given by Jordan Hubbard of the Belton Church of Christ.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

Presentation of Proclamations:

- A. National Police Week – May 13-19, 2012 – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Gene Ellis. Chief Ellis indicated this year's Bell County Police Memorial Day ceremony will be hosted by the City of Temple on May 15, 2012.
- B. National Salvation Army Week – May 14-20, 2012 – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Captain Frankco Higdon of the Salvation Army, who thanked the City of Belton for its support.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Grayson asked that the electrical code item be removed from the consent agenda. Upon motion by Councilmember Leigh, seconded by Councilmember Peters, the Council unanimously approved the following:

Minutes of previous meeting. Approved as presented.

Consider change to youth sports league agreements to include sponsorship/advertising regulations.

Approved changes to future league agreements to include sponsorship/signage regulations at sports complexes. Key components of the regulations include specific sign sizes, priority given to Belton businesses, and first rights of refusal. All funds from any sponsorships will go directly to the City, pursuant to Article 3, Section 52 of the Texas State Constitution, with the funds to be used for overall park improvements as determined by the City. The item was unanimously approved by the Parks Board at its March 6th meeting.

Consider a resolution granting the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager/Finance Director the authority to conduct financial transactions on behalf of the City of Belton.

The resolution captioned below was approved to provide guidance and clear authority to staff regarding appropriate levels of contract approval. The following were designated as authorized signatories for contracts, agreements, grants, and other commitments, by which the City incurs financial obligations:

\$0 to \$25,000	Assistant City Manager/Finance Director
\$0 to \$50,000	City Manager
All amounts	Mayor or Council designee by action on individual contracts

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS DESIGNATING REPRESENTATIVES TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS, GRANTS, AND OTHER COMMITMENTS, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BELTON.

Miscellaneous

Consider an ordinance adopting the 2011 National Electrical Code with local exceptions.

The City Manager explained a very minor wording change was received late today, which differs from what was presented in the proposed ordinance. The item was reviewed by the Electrical Board on April 4th, and a comparison of the 2008 and 2011 National Electrical Code was completed to identify determine if the City should adopt the 2008 code instead of the 2011 code. Planning Director Erin Director clarified the original ordinance proposed location of the disconnect underneath the meter base, but staff is recommending it be located at the same location as the meter base, on the outside. Ms. Newcomer recommended adoption of the 2001 National Electrical Code (effective September 1, 2012), with the following exceptions:

- 1) 210.12 Arc-Fault Circuit-Interrupter Protection. (A) Dwelling Unit.

There will be no arc-fault required on a refrigerator, freezer, garage door opener, microwave, or fire/smoke alarms. Each of these items will have a dedicated circuit for specific use.

- 2) 230.70 Service Disconnecting Means. (A)(1) Readily Accessible Location.

The service disconnect will be located at the same location as the meter base on the outside.

Mayor Pro Tem Grayson thanked staff for following up on other changes after she requested the item be tabled at the last meeting. Ms. Grayson made a motion to approve the ordinance as recommended. The motion was seconded by Council-member Carpenter, and the following ordinance was unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4, ARTICLES IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF BELTON DEALING WITH THE "ELECTRICAL CODE"; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN OPEN MEETINGS CLAUSE.

Receive presentation from Belton African American Churches United regarding consideration of renaming a street in the name of the Reverend Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.

The City Manager stated the City received a request for a street name change, and members of the group are present to make a formal request. He introduced Reverend Dr. William Hill, 3400 Summit View Circle, who in turn, introduced the following representatives from Belton's African American Churches United: Elder Charlie Berry (Belton Church of God in Christ), Reverend David Norman (Magnolia First Baptist Church), and Reverend H. E. Jackson, Jr. (Mt. Zion United Methodist Church).

Dr. Hill stated he met with Mayor Covington about City Council consideration of naming a street after Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., like many other area cities have done (Temple, Killeen, Waco, Austin, Round Rock). He explained the group believes 2nd Avenue doesn't have many businesses or residences, and is requesting that all signs for 2nd Avenue, be changed to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, from the far east to the city limits on the west. The Mayor thanked Dr. Hill for his presentation, and forwarded the item to the City Manager for a report and recommendation.

Introduction of future Medical Director, Dr. Stephen McConnell.

The City Manager introduced Dr. Robert Greenberg, who has served as Belton's Medical Director for the past nine years, who in turn, introduced Dr. Stephen McConnell, Belton's next Medical Director (effective July 2012). They briefly discussed the transition

in medical services provided to the Belton Fire Department and the delivery of emergency medical care to the Belton community. The City Manager thanked both physicians for their service, and no action was needed.

Conduct a work session to receive a proposal from Central Texas Water Supply Corporation (CTWSC).

The City Manager explained the City has been approached by the CTWSC with a proposal for installation of a 20" water transmission line connecting to CTWSC's existing 14" line on the north and an existing 30"/24" line on the south, to enhance CTWSC's service to customers to the east. An 8" CTWSC line will extend off of the proposed 20" line, and would serve a small number of customers within Belton's Certificate of Convenience & Necessity (CCN) area. Discussions have also occurred about possible acquisition of water rights in Stillhouse Hollow Lake from CTWSC.

Mr. Listi introduced Lee Kelley, Jr., General Manager of CTWSC, who stated CTWSC built a new water treatment plant last year, and their water line runs down Amity Road across IH-35. CTWSC is in the processing of engineering and easement acquisition now, and would like to serve all of its customers from the new plant on Amity Road. Mr. Kelley outlined the proposal to install the 8" line to serve 12-15 customers around the intersection of Amity Road/Goodway Drive, and then turn these customers over to the City of Belton.

Councilmember Leigh asked how these residents are getting water now, and Mr. Kelley indicated they are currently being served by wells. The City Manager reviewed Belton's current CCN area, and explained this proposal gives the City the opportunity to restore 100 acre feet of option water in Stillhouse Hollow Lake to the City, and provides a delivery system of treated water coming out of the lake for these few new customers that cannot be served by Belton at this time. Councilmember Agan asked if Goodway Drive is in the Belton city limits, and Mr. Listi indicated it is, and most of the City's CCN area he identified, is in Belton's ETJ.

Councilmember Peters asked about CTWSC's status of property acquisition, and Mr. Kelley replied he has "handshake agreements" with everyone from the south end to Shanklin Lane, but he's having some trouble with a property owner at the end of Shanklin Lane, where they would like to build a pump station to tie into their 14" line which would allow them to loop back, so they can go east and west to all of their customers. Mr. Peters asked if there has been discussion about the City attaching to CTWSC's 20" line, and Mr. Kelley stated he doesn't think it would be too costly to attach to the line, and they have also discussed other locations for connections in case of water disruption or other emergency situations.

Mr. Kelley thanked the City Council for their consideration, and Mr. Listi stated he thinks this is an important service provision for evaluation by staff and Council consideration. No action was needed at this time, and if this item progresses, an action item will be presented to Council in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.



Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Torres, City Clerk