

SPECIAL CALLED BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 19, 2016 – 5:30 P.M.

The Belton City Council met in special session in the Wright Room at the Harris Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Marion Grayson, Pro Tem David K. Leigh (via videoconference), Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Dan Kirkley, Jerri Gauntt, Guy O'Banion and Paul Sanderford. Staff present included Sam Listi, John Messer, Gene Ellis, Amy Casey, Brandon Bozon, Erin Smith, Chris Brown, Byron Sinclair, Angellia Points, Matt Bates, Paul Romer, Aaron Harris, Bruce Pritchard, Ed Bandas, Cynthia Hernandez and Susan Allamon.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Councilmember Guy O'Banion, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Director of Internal Services/City Engineer Angellia Points, and the Invocation was given by Councilmember Craig Pearson.

1. **Call to order.** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. **Public comments.** There were none.
3. **Consider minutes of September 13, 2016, City Council Meeting.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Dan Kirkley and a second by Councilmember Guy O'Banion, the minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

FY 2017 Budget

4. **Consider an ordinance adopting Belton's Strategic Plan for FY2017-2021.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Kirkley and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the following captioned ordinance was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-35

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN, FY2017-2021, FOR THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS.

5. **Consider an ordinance adopting the City of Belton Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017.**

Upon a motion by Councilmember Craig Pearson and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, the following captioned ordinance was unanimously approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Councilmember Guy O'Banion	X		
Councilmember Craig Pearson	X		

Councilmember Jerri Gauntt	X		
Councilmember Paul Sanderford	X		
Councilmember Dan Kirkley	X		
Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh	X		
Mayor Marion Grayson	X		

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-36

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BELTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

6. Consider an ordinance adopting the 2016 ad valorem tax rate (Fiscal Year 2017).

Councilmember Kirkley made the following motion:

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.6598 on the \$100.00 valuation of property assessed in the City of Belton, which is effectively a 2.18 percent increase in the tax rate."

Councilmember O'Banion seconded the motion to approve the following captioned ordinance, which was unanimously approved by a roll call vote as follows:

Name	Yes	No	Abstain
Councilmember Guy O'Banion	X		
Councilmember Craig Pearson	X		
Councilmember Jerri Gauntt	X		
Councilmember Paul Sanderford	X		
Councilmember Dan Kirkley	X		
Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh	X		
Mayor Marion Grayson	X		

TAX ORDINANCE NO. 2016-37

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY OF BELTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 (TAX YEAR 2016), TOGETHER WITH INTEREST THEREON, LEVYING TAXES FOR GENERAL FUND PURPOSES, AS PROVIDED BY THE STATUTES OF TEXAS; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND INTEREST ON ALL DELINQUENT AD VALOREM TAXES; AND PROVIDING THAT IF ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE BE HELD INVALID BY COURT, SUCH FINDING SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER PART OF THIS ORDINANCE.

7. **Consider authorizing the purchasing of three (3) marked police vehicles, one (1) unmarked sedan and one (1) Animal Control pickup for the Police Department from Caldwell Country Ford through the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative.**

Assistant City Manager/Police Chief Gene Ellis said that this is the first purchase proposed from the FY 2017 Budget that was just approved. These vehicles are part of the Capital Equipment Replacement Plan for FY 2017. He said that the Police Department is preparing their order early since it takes 4-6 months for these vehicles to be delivered. These vehicles are available from Caldwell Country through the BuyBoard purchasing cooperative. CAP Fleet Upfitters of Temple will upfit these vehicles as a part of the BuyBoard contract,

Upon a motion by Councilmember Pearson and a second by Councilmember O'Banion, item 7 was unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.

WORK SESSION ITEM:

8. **Hold a worksession to consider the boundary of Belton's Water Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), located along and north of Amity Road, west of IH 35.**

City Manager Sam Listi stated that the United Village Subdivision, located in Belton's ETJ, is proposed to have 45 ½-acre lots served by septic system. He explained that this subdivision is within Belton's Water CCN, but water service presents a challenge and represents an important policy question for this area. Mr. Listi said that the nearest City of Belton waterline is located on the west side of IH 35, on the south side of the Lampasas River. Central Texas Water Supply Corporation (CTWSC) has a 30" transmission line located along Amity Road but cannot serve the area. He added that the applicant is proposing to use Salado Water Supply Corporation for water service.

A review of water service options was presented to the Council by Mr. Listi. The options include:

Salado Water Service

Pros:

- Water service available to site from Salado WSC.
- Salado WSC is willing to serve development.
- Line extension work begun by applicant, but incomplete.

Cons:

- Since property is in Belton's CCN, CCN amendment required for Salado service – lengthy and costly process.

- Belton not inclined to recommend release of CCN in prime growth area west of IH 35.
- Fire flow tests indicate Salado line cannot meet required fire flow.
- Subdivision Standards require new development to provide water service, adequate line sizes, and fire hydrants to support fire protection, upon annexation. Fire flow cannot be achieved from Salado WSC.

City of Belton Service

Pros:

- Property located in Belton's CCN.
- Area located just beyond annexation study area, so development may occur in realistic timeframe.

Cons:

- Water service is available, but not immediately available.
- Subdivision development timing may be premature.

City of Belton Service Through Central Texas Water Supply Corporation Line:

Pros:

- Adequate water supply to provide water service and fire flow to subdivision.
- Belton has 100 acre feet of water in Stillhouse Hollow (source of CTWSC water).

Cons:

- Belton is contracted with Bell County Water Control and Improvement District #1 (BCWCID #1) to take all its water from the District requiring Board approval.

Mr. Listi recommended against allowing water service from Salado WSC due to fire flow limitation and Belton CCN. He also recommended that Council action on the subdivision was inappropriate at this time, until the developer connects to the City's existing waterline located along IH 35, or until development catches up with future waterline extensions in this vicinity.

Listi said that service by connection to CTWSC's waterline requires:

- Approval by CTWSC Board of Directors;
- Approval by BCWCID #1 Board of Directors;
- Associated infrastructure costs; and
- Further exploration with all parties.

Councilmember Kirkley expressed concern for the length of time the developer may be required to wait before he can begin developing this subdivision.

Councilmember Jerri Gauntt stated that she thought the Council needed more information before providing direction and suggested a workshop on the topic.

Councilmember Pearson said that the City has 100 acre feet of water with CTWSC, and the City should consider using that water.

City Attorney John Messer cautioned the Council to consider this issue very carefully. Additionally, he suggested that each Councilmember meet with the City Manager and City Staff to go over the many aspects of the issue. He said the Council needs to decide how it wants to allocate the available water from CTWSC, if usable at all. He feels the Council may want to use it inside the city limits in the future. He added that previous Councils have made significant efforts to get water to the area by spending over \$1.0M on extending a waterline across the Lampasas River.

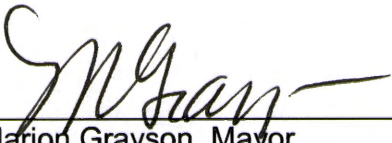
Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh asked to have financial information for each option. He feels that having that information will help Council make a more informed decision.

Councilmember Pearson stated that, in his opinion, the Council should not approve the Salado water service option. Mr. Messer said that even if Council said yes to the Salado option, Bell County WCID #1 would have to agree to it as well. Mr. Listi explained that the City has a contract with Bell County WCID #1 to buy all of the City's water through them.

There was no final action taken on this item.

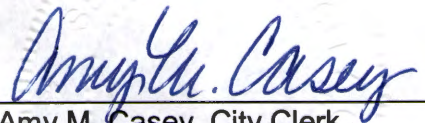
Mayor Grayson thanked everyone involved in the "Mayor's Flotilla" held on September 17, 2016, which represented the grand opening of the Nolan Creek project. Mr. Listi added his thanks and appreciation for media coverage as well.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.



Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy M. Casey, City Clerk