

January 2013. Terri Woodson, WM, added those in the recycling pilot would continue to receive the recycling service until the new contract became effective. Ms. Daniell indicated the Council could also pursue other options such as maintaining the current regular non-cart based service with cart/bin recycling, re-establishing centralized drop-off location(s) for recycling, and City-provided trash/recycling service. She requested Council input on these options, and indicated a public hearing could be held to solicit input from citizens. Ms. Daniell expressed thanks to those who participated in the pilot program, and thanked WM for providing the pilot at no cost to the City, and for keeping it in place well beyond the three-month period.

Mayor Pro Tem Grayson asked a lady in the audience with a baby, if she was in the pilot program and if once-a-week service with a young child and diapers was adequate. The lady indicated they purchased their home because they saw the recycling carts, but the pilot area turned out to be one block away. She stated their garage is full of recyclables and they are eagerly awaiting a program in all of Belton. She indicated they could easily handle once-a-week trash pickup with no problem.

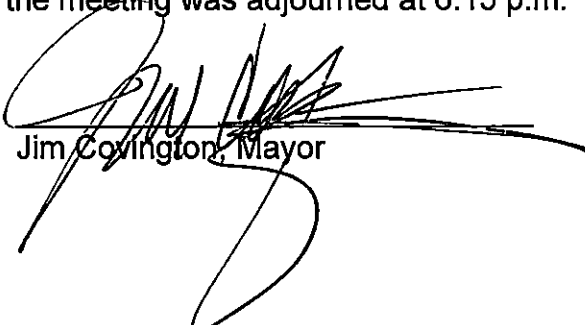
Councilmember Pearson asked what services could be offered to businesses, and Ms. Woodson stated small businesses are offered the same service as residents; big businesses (dumpsters) could be offered recycling service for cardboard only, but implementation of a commercial program is about a year out due to equipment purchase and the need to ensure there will be enough customers. Mayor Pro Tem Grayson asked Councilmember Carpenter (who participated in the pilot) if once-a-week collection was adequate, and Mr. Carpenter indicated they have never filled up their regular trash can while recycling. He stated the recycling can was usually filled more than the regular trash can, and the cans are quite large. Ms. Woodson added larger families can add cart(s) for an additional fee(s).

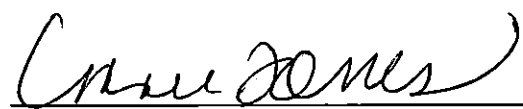
David Jackson, 1616 Cedar Tree Lane, asked why his bill would increase, as he believes somebody is making money from recycling the materials. Ms. Woodson stated the cost of recycling is misleading, as the materials are a true commodity and the prices fluctuate daily. She indicated the only charge is for the crew to provide the container/ service at residences, not for processing or selling the materials, as WM handles those costs. Joann Gillette, 1703 Canyon Springs, also commented she moved to Belton 20 years ago and has been recycling for the past 37 years.

The Mayor stated a public hearing is not scheduled at this meeting, and asked when that could occur. Ms. Daniell stated she would like to prepare a flyer for distribution citywide, and a hearing could be scheduled for either the September 25th or October 9th meeting.

Councilmember Leigh stated that while in this area current landfill space may be cheaper to use, recycling is the smarter thing to do long term considering natural resources, even though a slight uptick in current costs could occur due to implementing recycling. Councilmember Carpenter concurred with Mr. Leigh, and stated the City had a landfill for many years, but won't have another one. Ms. Daniell stated she thinks notices could be sent out soon and a public hearing set for September 25th. Mr. Pearson asked Ms. Woodson to provide incremental numbers for families who might need additional containers, and a ballpark figure for recycling for small businesses. The Council consensus was to move forward with Option 2 used in the pilot program (1 x week regular refuse and 1 x week recycling).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Connie Torres, City Clerk

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2012**

The Belton City Council met in regular session with the following members present: Mayor Jim Covington, Councilmembers Clifton Peters, Wayne Carpenter, Craig Pearson, and John Agan. Mayor Pro Tem Marion Grayson and Councilmember David K. Leigh were absent. Staff present were John Messer, Sam Listi, Connie Torres, Cristy Daniell, Gene Ellis, Francisco Corona, Byron Sinclair, Erin Newcomer, Jerri Gauntt, Sarah Madafford, Sandy Slade, Charlotte Walker, and Denny Lassetter.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Boy Scout Troop #101, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember Craig Pearson, and the Invocation was given by Gretchen Kendall, Pastoral Staff from Crossroads Church.

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

Public comments.

Jerri Gauntt, Support Services Coordinator, invited everyone to a "Day on the Creek" on September 22nd, a Nolan Creek awareness and music event, to be held at the Gin Pavilion from 3-10 p.m.

Ms. Gauntt went on to announce she has submitted her letter of resignation from the City of Belton effective October 2nd, and thanked the City for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Belton, and indicated she will remain active in the community.

Presentation of Proclamations:

- A. Texting & Driving – It Can Wait Day – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Debbie Keel, Regional Director with AT&T.
- B. Constitution Week – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Sylvia Marrs, the Regent for the Betty Martin Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution, along with several members of the group.

Consent Agenda

Councilmember Agan requested the agreement with Kasberg, Patrick & Associates be removed from the consent agenda. Councilmember Peters made a motion to approve the remaining items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Pearson, and the following items were unanimously approved:

Minutes of the August 28, 2012 Regular Meeting. Approved as presented.

Consider appointments to the following boards and commissions:

- A. Youth Advisory Commission – Appointed the following individuals to the YAC:

Kendra Emerson	Grace Hutchinson	Austyn Perry
Montana Minnis	Bharath Lavendra	Emily Street
Lauren Hutchens	Nishanth Lavendra	Samantha Waggoner

- B. Youth Advisory Commission Chair – Appointed Kendra Emerson to serve as YAC Chair.
- C. Historic Preservation Commission – Appointed the following with terms indicated in the Historic Preservation Ordinance, as shown below:

<u>Appointee</u>	<u>Term</u>	
Jack Folsom	09/08/14	Reappointed Member
Larry Guess	09/08/14	Reappointed Member
Berneta Peoples	09/08/14	Reappointed Member
Randy Stumberg	09/08/15	New Member
Nelson Hutchison	09/08/15	New Member

Consider an ordinance amending the City of Belton Fee and Rate Schedule.

Approved the ordinance captioned below, with the following notable changes:

- Minor updates to Library fees (page 1).
- Modified building permit fees to separate residential and commercial construction permits. Added GIS fee to cover time it takes the City's GIS Analyst to create maps to identify water/sewer locations, aerial views, zoning, street/ROW locations, parcels, etc. (pages 1-2).
- Minor increases to electrical, plumbing, and mechanical permit fees (pages 2-4).
- Increased fire inspection fees for day care centers due to the amount of personnel time required, and added a fire flow certification fee for testing water protection systems (pages 5-6).
- Revised fees for solicitors' permits due to significant staff time needed for review (page 8).
- Added park attendant fee to cover employee costs for park events that include vendors (page 8).
- Incorporated \$5.00 per player fee for youth sports leagues, effective January 1, 2013 (page 9).
- Modified rental rates for the Harris Community Center to remain competitive with surrounding venues. Added fee for contracted instructors to operate recreational classes and programs to allow the City to retain some revenues charged to participants (pages 10-11).
- Clarified water tap fees (page 12).
- Changed leak rate to one-half the City's per 1,000 gallon rate, to allow automatic increase when water and sewer rates change (page 13).
- Increased fees for zoning change applications/specific use permits to align with area cities and cover staff review time. Reduced the fee for administrative plats, to encourage replatting four or less lots (page 16).
- Included recently adopted fees related to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and the Street Renaming & City Facility Naming Policy (pages 17 and 19).

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-30

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 authorizing amendment of the City's contract with the Texas Department of Public Safety for the Failure to Appear Program.

Approved the amended contract requiring the Belton Municipal Court to notify TDPS immediately once a judgment has been satisfied, as opposed to within five business days, in the previous agreement

Miscellaneous

Administer the Oath of Office to Youth Advisory Commission members.

The City Attorney administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed members (indicated in appointment item above).

Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment Number 2 to the agreement with Kasberg, Patrick & Associates for professional services related to the West 9th Avenue Extension and Overpass Construction Project.

The City Manager gave an overview of the project and progress to date. He stated Amendment Number 2 would add \$347,587 to the amended contract with KPA Engineers, for a total resulting contract of \$939,503.10. Elements in this amendment include:

• Noise Survey Revisions	\$ 3,531.25
• Right of Way Surveys	\$ 3,355.75
• Contract Administration	\$157,360.00
• Geotechnical Testing	\$123,500.00
• Construction Surveying	\$ 44,640.00
• Structural Engineer	\$ 15,200.00
TOTAL CONTRACT AMENDMENT 2	\$347,587.00

Mr. Listi explained the addition of \$34,587.00 to the amended contract total of \$591,916.10, results in a total of \$939,503.10, with funding to come from FY 2010 Federal Appropriation of \$750,000 and 2007 CO funds of \$400,000. He added the City has received a price of \$205,000 from Oncor to relocate a single tower that's located in the path of the street, and this item will be presented to the Council soon. Mr. Listi stated it is important to demonstrate to TxDOT, that all federal funds authorized for this project are committed prior to October 1, 2012; otherwise, the City has been advised any non-committed funds will be swept and be unavailable for use. He stated TxDOT has approved these expenditure categories, and the total commitment must exceed the \$750,000 federal appropriation by a minimum 20%, since the City receives federal reimbursement of 80% for each dollar spent.

Mr. Listi recommended approval of Amendment Number 2 to the agreement with KPA Engineers as indicated, for an additional \$347,587. Councilmember Agan thanked Mr. Listi for his explanation, and stated he wanted to confirm that these expenditures aren't anything different than what was always planned, and that the vast majority won't be expended until the project is bid and underway. Mr. Agan stated it's his understanding that the funding sources don't obligate the City to anything additional than what it had already committed to. Mr. Listi concurred, and stated this is just part of the paperwork required to keep the federal funds available to the City when the time comes for project construction.

Councilmember Agan made a motion to authorize execution of Amendment Number 2 as recommended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carpenter, and carried unanimously.

Consider an ordinance adopting the City of Belton Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2012, and ending September 30, 2013.

Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell gave a brief summary of the proposed budget. Upon motion by Councilmember Pearson, seconded by Councilmember Peters, the following captioned ordinance was unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-31

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BELTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2012, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013.

Consider an ordinance adopting the 2012 ad valorem tax rate (Fiscal Year 2013).

Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell presented summary information on the tax structure and historical rates. She indicated the proposed rate of \$0.6598 is an increase from the current tax rate of \$0.6550, and the proposed ordinance no longer includes the provision regarding a discount for early payment. Councilmember Agan made a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Councilmember Carpenter thanked Ms. Daniell and staff for all their hard work on the budget. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion, and the following captioned ordinance was unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-32

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AD VALOREM TAX FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DEBTS OF THE CITY OF BELTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013 (TAX YEAR 2012), 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.

The Mayor echoed Mr. Carpenter's laudatory comments, and cited that since he came on the Council in 1995, the City has gone from a \$7M budget with five funds, to a \$21M with seven funds.

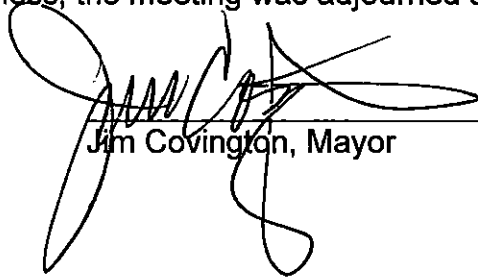
Consider an ordinance adopting the Strategic Plan Update, 2013-2018.

The City Manager recommended approval of the ordinance adopting the Strategic Plan Update, 2013-2018. Councilmember Agan thanked the City Manager and all the staff for the hard work on this important document, and made a motion to approve the ordinance. The Mayor echoed Mr. Agan's comments and expressed the importance of the Strategic Plan. Councilmember Peters seconded the motion, and the following captioned ordinance was unanimously adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-33

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE, FY 2013-2018, FOR THE CITY OF BELTON, TEXAS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.



Jim Covington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Connie Torres, City Clerk

**BELTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

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

The Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag was led by Fire Chief Francisco Corona, the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag was led by Councilmember John Agan, and the Invocation was given by Dr. Shawn Shannon, Director of Student Baptist Ministries at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m. (Start time delayed to allow citizens additional time to sign up to speak during recycling public hearing.)

Public comments.

Police Chief Gene Ellis reminded everyone about the National Night Out activities to be held October 2, 2012, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. throughout the community.

Presentation of Proclamations:

- A. Colonial Heritage Month – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Diane Ferrell of the Governor Samuel Mathews Chapter of the Colonial Dames Seventeenth Century.
- B. Fire Prevention Week – The Mayor read the proclamation and presented it to Fire Chief Francisco Corona.

Conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed recycling program.

Assistant City Manager Cristy Daniell introduced the following representatives from Waste Management (WM): Daniel McBurney, District Manager, Terry Woodson, Director of Governmental Affairs, and Paul Daugereau, Municipal Representative for Central Texas. She then presented an overview of the recycling pilot program, results of the recycling survey, and reviewed the proposal from WM and the four service options.

The Mayor opened the public hearing to receive input on the proposal for cart-based garbage and curbside recycling service. The following comments were received:

Name	Address	Comments
Tamie Nepomuceno	409 N. Burnet	Agrees with need to recycle, but should be based on number of people in household.
Richard Westlake	317 N. Pearl	For recycling 100%.
Penny Sartin	2901 Amber Forest Trail	Believes once people start recycling, they will end up with more recyclables than trash.
William Slye	3210 Legend Oaks	Enjoys current system and does not support any change.
Percy Francis	3109 Pitchfork	Agrees with others – for recycling.
Sue Ham	2220 Red Rock	Been recycling for years and favors Option #2.
Josephine Glass	3205 Legend Oaks	Been recycling for 40 years and it is our responsibility to save our planet.
Deran Tolbert	1199 Niagara Heights	Agree with recycling.
Marianna Sirny	1009 Palmetto	Agree City should do recycling.
Ola McClendon	1200 E. Avenue H	Very much in favor, and Option #2 is preferred.
Jim McClendon	1200 E. Avenue H	Totally agreed with his wife (see above).
L. Butler	3302 Spring Canyon	She and her husband are in favor of recycling.
Ron Tittle	511 E. Avenue Q	For recycling, and would like to see other options to tailor to families' needs.