

BELTON CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
September 9, 2014 – 4:00 P.M.

The Belton City Council met in work session with the following members present: Mayor Marion Grayson, Mayor Pro Tem David K. Leigh Councilmembers Craig Pearson, Jerri Gauntt, Dan Kirkley, and Paul Sanderford. Councilmember O'Banion was absent. Staff present included, Sam Listi, Jana Lewellen, Gene Ellis, Brandon Bozon, Denny Lassetter, Chris Brown, Cynthia Hernandez, and Paul Romer.

1. Call to order. The Mayor called the workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.
2. iPad Distribution to Councilmembers and receive overview.

IT Director Denny Lassetter distributed iPads to Council and provided a brief instructional training session. Mr. Lassetter went over the various applications installed, as well as the iPad Policy and Agreement Form.

3. Receive presentation regarding EXPO Center Expansion Plans.

Mayor Grayson introduced the incoming State Representative Molly White, Judge Jon Burrows, Commissioner Richard Cortese, Commissioner Bill Schumann, Stephanie O'Banion, Belton Chamber President/CEO, and Tim Stephens, Bell County Expo Executive Director.

Judge Burrows provided a history of the Expo, and the results of a thorough study in 2008 of the economic impact of an expansion, and why an expansion is needed.

Tim Stephens, Executive Director, presented the economic impacts, and the possibility of larger events based solely on the expansion of the Expo Center.

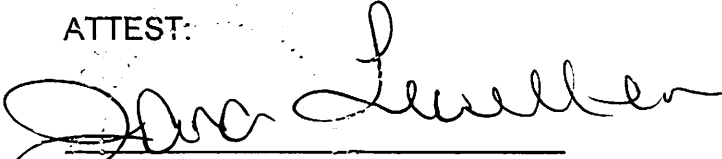
Judge Burrows requested the Council's support in the form of a resolution supporting the collection of a Bell County Hotel Occupancy Tax to fund expansion of the Expo Center, which will require Texas Legislative action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.



Marion Grayson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jana Lewellen, City Clerk