

Council Minutes  
April 03, 2025

The Common Council of the City of Belington met in regular session Thursday, April 03, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Joey Bolyard presiding.

Council attending: Craig Bolton, Suzanna Skidmore, Cindy Hart, Josh Raschella, Bernard Corley, Marshall Reed, Charles Alth, and Lana Fowler.

Also attending: Gwendolyn Valentine, City Clerk; Connie Stewart, Assistant City Clerk; Belington Police Chief, Joshua Hymes; Belington Ptlm. Trenton Cooper; John Rider, City Coordinator; Kathryn Snyder; Lori Wetzel; John and Stephanie Davis.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

**Councilman Reed moved to approve the April 03, 2025 agenda as presented. Councilman Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Consideration of March 20, 2025 Council meeting minutes. **Councilman Reed made a motion to accept, Councilwoman Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Kathryn Snyder, with Prodigy, discussed a grant they were awarded for high speed internet. Left information concerning Mon Power poles.

The following building/demolition applications:

Eric Buchinger	40 Flanagan St	Storage shed
	Estimated cost: \$4,976.00	
Shane Wilfong	29 S Sturmer St	Carport
	Estimated cost: \$1,500.00	

Acting upon the recommendation of building inspector, **Councilwoman Skidmore moved to approve all application(s) and issue permits. Councilman Alth seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Chief Hymes gave his report for March, 2025. The Belington Police Department had 81 calls of service and 55 traffic stops. 2 citation(s) issued including 2 charge(s) for traffic offense, 0 city ordinance violations, and 48 warnings. 7 misdemeanor arrests, 0 felony arrests, 3 traffic accidents, 1 process notice(s) served, and 2 background check(s). He reported that the annual fishing derby is set for April 26<sup>th</sup> at 8am. It will be at Stewart's Pond on #92. The new cruiser has been ordered.

City Coordinator, John Rider, reported to council about a drainage issue on Coontz Ave. The street needs paved but there are some culvert repairs that will need to be done first. Rider and the Mayor will go to resident's homes. He also asked council to give him their recommendations of roads in their wards that needs paved.

**Councilman Bolton motioned to go into executive session at 7:49 pm. Councilwoman Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried**

**Councilman Bolton gave the motion to enter regular session at 8:10 pm, with no action taken. Councilman Raschella seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

City Clerk Valentine reported that she will need a quorum for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a Rate and Levy Budget meeting. She also asked for everyone to review the cost of living raise ordinance since there were new council members.

Lori Wetzel, with the Board of Parks led a discussion on possibly removing the top bleachers at the civic center. John Rider will have the city's engineer to look at the structure. She presented the council with quotes on playground equipment that they would like to order. Mayor Bolyard will have the finance committee look into it as soon as new committee members are appointed. They will also need a new council representative.

Beautification Committee: Councilwoman Skidmore announced the next meeting to be Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. And the Hopping Down the Bunny Trail event will be held April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 11:30 am. She also listed and thanked all the people and organizations that purchased prizes for this event.

City clean-up will be April 26<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm. Discussion. Junior Lions will be feeding the volunteers. Rain date will be the following weekend.

**Councilman Raschella made the motion to go back to closing the office from 12-1 for lunch. All yes, except Councilman Alth. Motion carried.**

**Councilman Raschella made the motion to add new mayor, Joey Bolyard, to be added as a signer for all City of Belington accounts. Councilwoman Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Consideration of April 03, 2025 Invoices, **Councilman Alth made the motion to accept, Councilwoman Skidmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

Sitting council members welcomed the new council members and the new council members stated they were excited to work together for the city.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. by Councilman Bolton, Councilwoman Hart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

 \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
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