BELT
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7TH, 2026
7:00 PM

The first regularly scheduled council meeting of October 2026 was called to order by Mayor Travis Page, who led all in attendance in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance for this evening's meeting were Mayor Page, Clerk/Treasurer Kellen Kirby, council members Paul Heikkila, Michelle Stinson, Bob Williams, April Wells, and Becky Gorton. Council member Corbin Keaster was not present. Public Works Codi Heikkila, Belt Valley Chamber of Commerce Cera Hoyer and Amy Olson were also all present.

The minutes of the September 16th meeting were read by all council members and moved to approval as written by Paul Heikkila. The motion was seconded by Becky Gorton. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote and will be posted on the City of Belt website.

DOES ANY COUNCIL MEMBER HAVE ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH ANY AGENDA ITEMS? N/A

Claims/warrants submitted for approval were gone through and signed by all council members and moved to approval by Paul Heikkila. The motion was seconded by Becky Gorton. The claims/warrants were approved by unanimous vote, and warrants will be mailed out.

The complaint log was reviewed; no complaints were received at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Discussion: RD Grant/Loan Application Update- Clerk/Treasurer Kellen Kirby updated the council on the RD application progress. Stated that he is working with Kitty Schmid from Great West Engineering, providing information needed for the application. The town is applying for a total of $3,224,000 in RD Funds ($1,773,200 in loans, $1,450,800 in grants). Complemented by $125,000 in DNRC-RRGL grant funds, $750,000 in CDBG grant funds (applying now, due October 31st) and $40,000 in local funds. For a total project cost of $4,139,000. The project includes the replacement of up to 9,150 linear feet of water main, along with new curb stops and boxes, the replacement of lead service line connections when encountered, up to 20 new fire hydrants, and a pressure-reducing valve. 2. Discussion/Consideration: 169 Castner Blvd tree removal (est. $5,000)- The property owner of 169 Castner came into City Hall earlier this week to ask if the tree on the blvd is owner or city responsibility. The tree has been damaged from previous windstorms and needs to be removed before causing any damage to owner's house or other neighborhood dwellings. Council member Paul Heikkila stated that the trees in the blvd along Castner Street are the property owner's responsibility. Clerk/Treasurer Kellen Kirby will contact the property owner and relay the information.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Discussion/consideration: Street Lights- This subject was brought up once again. During the September 16th meeting it was voted on to get all new light bulbs for Castner Street. The next day following the meeting Public Works Codi Heikkila priced getting all new bulbs and it ran a little over $1,000. This price was brought up this evening and the council decided to use the stockpile of bulbs the city already has and buy more when needed. These light bulbs will be installed when the Town of Belt rents a lift for Christmas decorations. The council agreed to this stating that there is no reason to rent a lift just for bulbs, when the town will be getting one for decorations.

PUBLIC WORKS INPUT: Working with the fire department on scheduling a once-a-month flushing of the sewer line in the alley behind the bank. Will contact CapCon and get the video of the scoping of the same sewer line so the city can address the issue. Stump removal at Castner Park, provided quotes from Strobel's and topsoil from Tilleraas $192 for 3 yards. Talked with a lady from Cascade County about storage/restoration of old Belt history book being stored in the basement. These books do have some sign of mold on them. Will get more information on this. Quote for new pivot tires- $640/tire, needing 8= $5,120 plus freight of $900 for a

total of $6,020. Lift for Christmas decorations/light bulbs $160/day plus $50 for trailer through Strobel's. Mayor Travis Page will check on pricing through T&E.

COUNCIL REPORTS: Michelle Stinson- N/A; Bob Williams- N/A; April Wells- N/A; Paul Heikkila- Castner Street in front of the Jail Museum meets State and DOT specs so United Material will not be coming back to redo it, gravel filled hole in front of the cabin on Castner-JR Civil repaired the sewer line there and it needs to be paved before winter as it is a state highway; Becky Gorton-N/A

CLERK/TREASURER INPUT: FY 26-27 Quarter 1 reports are completed. The 941 through BMS payroll only took 6 minutes to complete compared to last quarter doing it by pen and paper taking 2.5- 3 hours. Highly impressed with the accuracy and time saving using the new program. Letters of support for the water project Phase 2 are due by Tuesday October 13th so they can be submitted with the CDBG Grant application. City Hall will be closed Monday October 12th in observance of Columbus Day. Election Day will be used as a floating holiday and used on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Mayor Page and Kellen have been in talks about doing a toy drive for needy families in the Belt Community for Christmas. Easter Egg Hunt was also discussed and wanting to get it going again. The Chamber of Commerce stated that they would be willing to help with all of that as well.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The asphalt pile is still a big issue. M&D construction did what they said they would, taking out 1,000 yards but there is much more to clean up. After talking with Josh Sommer, the city still has contingency money that could be spent on further clean up. It will go out to bid once again. There is an estimate of 2,500-3,000 more yards to clean up.

PUBLIC INPUT: Cera Hoyer and Amy Olson from the Belt Valley Chamber of Commerce presented the idea of having Summer Celebration this coming summer to celebrate 120 years of history. The date is not set in stone but July 3rd or July 10th is what they are shooting for. Cera and Amy asked about using Castner Park and the Pavilion for the festivities. Vendors, music, and fireworks amongst other things are being discussed currently.

There being no further business to attend, council member Paul Heikkila motioned to adjourn the meeting, Becky Gorton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting will be on October 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

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Approved by Mayor Travis Page

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Attested to & submitted by Clerk/Treasurer Kellen Kirby