

July 18, 2016

The Belle Plaine City Council met on July 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Dave Fish presiding. Present: Leah Upah, Judy Schlesselman, Mark Tegeler and Mary Pech. Absent: Steve Beck. Also present: City Administrator Jeff Horne, City Clerk Jacki McDermott and Assistant City Attorney Jim Ries.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Schlesselman to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Council Minutes of July 6, 2016 and July 8, 2016, and bills received, seconded by Upah. On roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Residents Comments: Dave Kramer reported that his vision about the bio-cells has been exceeded and he would like to plant some more iris. Tricia Carl is giving some flowers and also he has been asked to mulch all along the north side of 12th Street. The mayor told him he would get a recommendation about that.

The mayor reported that there were no audit proposals and the state has been contacted to conduct the city audit.

The mayor opened the public hearing on the easement notice with Schrader Land LLC to allow them ingress and egress to landlocked property they own adjacent to the airport. There were no public comments concerning the easement and the council noted the city was just completing something that had been agreed to in the original purchase of the land but had not been recorded correctly with the county. Tegeler made a motion, seconded by Pech to approve permanent easement to Schrader Land LLC for the purpose of ingress and egress. On roll call vote, all voted Aye, motion carried.

Police Chief Kris Hudson reported that July 4th went off without a hitch and that there were a few fireworks complaints. The police car bids are in, but can't be opened tonight because it is not on the agenda, but they will be opened at the August 1st meeting.

There was no BPCD report because Chad Straight is gone to state softball.

Motion by Pech to approve Resolution 16-07-01: a resolution calling for a 2.75% cost of living adjustment for the head of custodial services at Belle Plaine City Hall for the fiscal year 2017 beginning July 1, 2016, seconded by Tegeler. On roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Tegeler to approve Resolution 16-07-02: a resolution that approves Reserve Officer Leslie J. Wood to carry weapons in accordance with Chapter 800.7 (handgun and shotgun) based on the recommendation of Chief of Police Kris Hudson, seconded by Schlesselman. On roll call, all voted aye. Motion carried.

Tree trimming concerning trees on the parking was discussed. It is currently the responsibility of the property owners to trim trees; however, if a tree in the parking needs to be removed it is the responsibility of the city. The city administration said they would get clarification to see what has been the past practice of the city in terms of trimming trees on the parking.

City Administrator Jeff Horne did not have a report as he has been out sick recently.

The Mayor had not recently attended any meetings.

The Mayor reported that the Community Center took bids for a new air conditioning/furnace system so that local contractors could bid. Rabe Hardware got the bid at \$26,237.12, but then the fifth air conditioner also went out, so it was added to the project so that total is now close to \$33,000. The Community Center is also putting up a garage soon. Upah asked how much they are expected to maintain in their Local Option Sales Tax accounts. The minimum they are asked to maintain is \$25,000.

Resident Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business: None.

Motion by Pech, seconded by Schlesselman, to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.9 Employment Conditions: A meeting of a governmental body to discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement under Chapter 20 is exempt from this chapter. For the purpose of this section, "employment conditions" mean areas included in the scope of negotiations listed in section 20.9. All voted Aye; the motion carried.

Motion by Schlesselman, seconded by Pech to offer Bruce Jacobs an early retirement package. All voted Aye; motion carried.

Motion by Tegeler to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Upah. On roll call, all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Dave Fish, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jacki McDermott, City Clerk