

September 19, 2016

The Belle Plaine City Council met on September 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Dave Fish presiding. Present: Leah Upah, Judy Schlesselman, and Mary Pech. Absent: Mark Tegeler and Steve Beck. Also present: City Administrator Jeff Horne, City Clerk Jacki McDermott and City Attorney Jennifer Zahradnik.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Upah to approve the consent agenda consisting of the Council Minutes of September 6, 2016, and bills received, seconded by Schlesselman. On roll call vote, all voted Aye, motion carried.

Residents Comments: None.

Jeff Horne gave the report from Belle Plaine Community Development. Jessica Rilling from Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development will be meeting with representatives of BPCD on November 9, 2016, to discuss art at Rotary Park. BPCD will water the hanging baskets downtown until October. On October 5th and 6th Director Sheila Hlas will be attending a Main Street Iowa workshop in Mount Pleasant. Trunk or Treat will be held downtown on Monday October 31st. Flyers will be passed out at the Homecoming Parade for this event. The Investment Drive will begin on October 19, 2016, and will run for three years.

Kris Hudson gave the police report and mentioned that they been very busy. During the Special Traffic Enforcement Program from August 23rd to September 5th, there were 3 OWIs, 32 traffic citations, 106 traffic warnings, 2 arrest warrants served, 1 felony arrest, 4 narcotics arrests and 4 motorist assists. In addition, 39 letters have been mailed out to property owners concerning tree limbs hanging less than 10 feet above sidewalks and shrubs that block or partially block sidewalks. These will be followed up with abatement letters if the work is not completed.

The mayor opened the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement and to borrow thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,275,000. Pech had a question about the terms of the loan, and the city administrator said that would be answered before paperwork is signed. Jeff Heil from Northland Securities will be present at the next meeting to describe the Loan. Pech made a motion, seconded by Schlesselman to approve Resolution 16-9-2, a resolution taking additional action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement for the sale of the bonds, contingent on answering the question on the amount refinanced. On roll call vote, all voted Aye, motion carried.

Schlesselman made a motion, seconded by Upah to approve the 28E Agreement with the Belle Plaine Community Schools concerning diamond usage at Franklin Park. All voted Aye; motion carried.

Todd Happel from Anderson Bogert Engineering was present to present bids for the City Hall Alley Drainage Project and to explain the project. Pech made a motion, seconded by Schlesselman to approve Resolution 16-9-3, a resolution approving a contract to Garling Construction of Belle Plaine for the City Hall Alley Drainage Improvement Project. This was the low bid on the project, with a bid of \$49,940. Upah questioned if there was a contract with the engineer, a deadline for completion and whether change orders might be involved. Happel stated that the project should be completed by November 12, 2016 and that there is no engineering contract. Pech and Schlesselman voted Aye; Upah was opposed, motion carried.

The council discussed approval of Resolution 16-9-5, a resolution awarding a contract to Conbaugh's Lawn Care/Snow Removal for snow removal at public facilities but action on the matter was tabled until the city administrator can find out more information from the contractor.

Todd Happel from Anderson Bogert Engineering was present to present bids for the Hydrant/Valve Replacement Project and to explain the project. Hatch Grading from Dysart was the low bidder on the project at \$72,785 with an alternate bid of \$8,850 for modifications to the water valve structure. Pech made a motion, seconded by Schlesselman to approve Resolution 16-9-5, a resolution approving a contract to Hatch Grading at the aforementioned terms. Happel stated that the project should be completed by November 10, 2016 and that there is nothing that should be changed from the original specifications. Pech and Schlesselman voted Aye; Upah was opposed, motion carried.

Schlesselman made a motion, seconded by Pech to approve a \$500 HVAC Program Grant from the Belle Plaine Business Incentive Program for the Belle Plaine Country Club at 1911 13th Ave, Belle Plaine. On roll call vote, all voted Aye, motion carried.

Schlesselman made a motion, seconded by Pech to approve Resolution 16-9-6, a resolution approving the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Street Finance Report for the City of Belle Plaine. On roll call vote, all voted Aye, motion carried.

The City Administrator discussed changes to the city work force. He also told about how the paver bricks on 12th Street are being fixed.

The mayor handed out an animal packet for council to read for a future meeting and also updated the council on the chemical clean-up project the city did on Saturday September 17, 2016 in the city parking lot.

There were no resident comments.

There was no new business, old business or correspondence.

Motion by Upah to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pech. On roll call, all voted aye.
Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Dave Fish, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jacki McDermott, City Clerk