

**CITY OF BELLE PLAINE
CITY HALL
401 N. MERCHANT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rob Narron called the Regular Council Meeting for the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, to order, on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Members Present

**Allen Hisken Greg Harlan
Dennis McGinnis Phila Storts**

A quorum was present

Staff Present

**Police Chief Gordon Fell; Guy Howell- Maintenance Supervisor;
Library Director Loree Hisken; Linda Stinnett-City Clerk; and
Stephanie McGinnis- Deputy City Clerk.**

RICHARD PENN'S RESIGNATION

Richard Penn submitted his resignation effective at 8:15 p.m. on January 8, 2018. Immediately following, Council President Rob Narron was sworn in as Mayor by Clerk Stinnett.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to accept Richard Penn's resignation as Mayor, effective January 8, 2018. Hisken seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Narron told those in attendance that a Sign-In Sheet is available for those wishing to speak during the Public Comment Section of the meeting.

APPOINT NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Narron welcomed Dave Armstrong back to the Council.

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of David Armstrong to the City Council to fill the remaining term which expires in January 2020. Harlan seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Armstrong joined the Council at 7:05 PM.

ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT

McGinnis nominated Harlan as Council President.

MOTION: McGinnis moved to name Greg Harlan to serve as President of the Belle Plaine City Council. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were none.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- There were none.
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Harlan made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 01-08-18; Payroll Ordinance 01-18-18, and Warrant Ordinance 01-18-18. Hisken seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Storts made a motion to go into Executive Session in the Map Room to discuss economic development in Sumner County pursuant to the exception of confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of corporations, partnerships, trusts, and individual proprietorships, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(4) from 7:08 to 7:30 PM. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Stacy Davis, director of the Sumner County Economic Development Commission joined the Council in the closed session. Council returned to open session at 7:30 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Tulip Time Committee Report

Annette Simpson, chairman of the Tulip Time Committee, and Michelle Enochs, chairman of the Belle Plaine Area Chamber of Commerce, reported on tentative plans for this year's festival. They will return to the March 1, 2018 meeting with a final report.

Accept Resignation of Steve Hyle

Steve Hyle, a part-time police officer, resigned from the department.

MOTION: Storts made a motion to accept the resignation of Stephen Hyle, effective immediately, and direct the mayor to send him a letter to thank him for over 10 years of service to the community. Armstrong seconded.

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: NARRON
MOTION CARRIED.**

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None

STAFF INFORMATION

Staff provided information on the CDBG Housing Grant denial, water leak repairs, a sidewalk cost-sharing program, Jake Brake signs ready to put up and Citywide Cleanup on March 24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to go into Executive Session in the Map Room for Non-Elected Personnel, under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Chief Fell, Sgt. Bill Berry, and Clerk Stinnett were asked to be included in the session as needed. The open meeting will resume in the City Council Chamber at 8:30 PM. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Council recessed to closed session at 8:00 PM. Council returned to open session at 8:30 PM.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to return to Executive Session for another 30 minutes, from 8:30 to 9:00 PM. Storts seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Council returned to open session at 9:00 PM.

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to name Sgt. Bill Berry as Interim Police Chief for 90 days, effective Jan. 29, 2018, at an annual salary of \$46,750.00. McGinnis seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to name Sgt. Bill Berry as Emergency Management Coordinator for 90 days with an annual salary of \$3,250, effective Jan. 29, 2018. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Storts made a motion to recess into Executive Session in the Map Room to discuss employee evaluations pursuant to the exception of Non-Elected Personnel, under K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Chief Fell, Sgt. Bill Berry, Maintenance Supervisor Howell, and Clerk Stinnett were asked to be included in the session as needed. The open meeting will resume in the City Council Chamber at 9:13 PM. Hisken seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Council recessed to closed session at 9:03 PM. Council returned to open session at 9:14 PM.

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to approve an overall 4 percent raise to City employees, with two exceptions:

**Linda Stinnett, City Clerk -\$17.00 raises to \$17.68;
Stephanie McGinnis, Deputy City Clerk - \$14.00 raises to \$14.56;
Ramon Lujan, Maintenance - \$16.31 raises to \$17.29;
Guy Howell, Maintenance Supervisor - \$23.84 raises to \$24.79;
Travis Martin, police officer - \$15.42 raises to \$16.04;
Trevor Corbett, police officer - \$15.74 raises to \$16.37;
Dustin Helms, police officer - \$16.50 raises to \$16.83;
Harlan seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ARMSTRONG, HARLAN, HISKEN, STORTS
VOTING NAY: NONE ABSTAIN: MCGINNIS MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Armstrong seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk