

**CITY OF BELLE PLAINE  
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, May17, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

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

**A quorum was present**

**Staff Present**

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

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Narron encouraged members of the Council to ride along with police officers, starting with Chief Berry. The officers do interesting things on a daily basis that need to be recognized by all Council members, he said.

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**PUBLIC ITEMS**

Rick Storts asked the Council why permits were necessary for open burning. Chief Berry informed him that it is part of the City Code and can create conditions that are unsafe. He said the effort is really to control what is burned and when. Mr. Storts said it becomes a problem because the City's burn pit is closed so often. Along the same line, Bub Rothgeb asked Chief Berry about getting permission for burning on a lot he wants to finish cleaning up in a few months. Chief Berry told him he does not have a problem with the burning in an old cellar pit on the property.

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**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Lighted stop, pedestrian crossing signs (Old Business).
  - Fire Special Permit (New Business).
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## APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

**MOTION: Harlan made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 05-03-18; Payroll Ordinance 05-10-18; and Warrant Ordinance 05-17-18. Hisken seconded.**

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

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Fireworks Ordinance and Permits

Clerk Stinnett presented Ordinance 1667, an ordinance modifying the Belle Plaine City Code and pertaining to the sale and discharge of fireworks within the City.

**MOTION: Storts made a motion to approve Ordinance 1667, an ordinance modifying the Belle Plaine City Code and pertaining to the sale and discharge of fireworks within the City, pending the City Attorney's OK. Harlan seconded.**

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

Applications for Fireworks Sales Permits were presented by Bub Rothgeb for 601 N. Logan (Buckaroo Barn property) and 326 N. Merchant.

**MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve the fireworks sales permit application for 601 N. Logan and waive the fees, pending approval of the fireworks ordinance by the City Attorney. Hisken seconded.**

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

**MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve the fireworks sales permit application and waive the fees for 326 N. Merchant, pending approval of the fireworks ordinance by the City Attorney. Harlan seconded.**

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

**MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to allow Bub Rothgeb and his employees to shoot their damaged fireworks up until 5 p.m. on July 5, 2018. Storts seconded.**

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

### Resignation of Police Employee

Joshua Hablutzel resigned as a part-time police officer, effective April 24.

**MOTION: Harlan moved to accept the resignation of Joshua Hablutzel as a part-time police officer, effective April 24, 2018. Hisken seconded.**

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

### **Special Use Fire Permit**

Discussion on permits for burning by residents included establishing distances for burning away from structures and/or property lines, creating an annual permit, excluding recreational fire (fire pits, chimeneas, etc.), and creating procedures to deal with violators.

**MOTION: Hisken made a motion to table the discussion of the fire permits. Harlan seconded.**

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

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Budget Update**

Clerk Stinnett asked the Council to set a Budget Workshop in June to discuss the 2019 budget.

**MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to meet in a workshop session, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at the Community Center. Harlan seconded.**

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

#### **Lighted Stop, Pedestrian Crossing Signs**

Chief Berry reported that staff had looked at the four-way stop at 9<sup>th</sup> and Logan, following a resident's suggestion that the intersection again have a warning signal. He said staff priced solar powered, flashing lighted stop signs for the northbound and southbound stop signs on Logan at 9<sup>th</sup>. Staff also recommended stop signs on Friend at 9<sup>th</sup> and No Parking signs for the west side of Friend (next to the median), due to the narrow width of the street at that location. If these lighted signs are effective, staff will look later at Pedestrian Crossing signs at Logan and 7<sup>th</sup> and on 4<sup>th</sup> at Main and Merchant.

**MOTION: Hisken made a motion to approve spending not to exceed \$2,500 from the Capital Outlay Street Fund for lighted stop signs at Logan and 9th. McGinnis seconded.**

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

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### **PURCHASE ORDERS**

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### STAFF INFORMATION

Staff reported on a Library fundraiser for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, June 1-8; work to get the sign/bell project finished at the Community Center; 95 percent completion of the paving project; a report the county will return to finish clearing ditches on south Logan; boring for a new water meter north of Belle Plaine on May 30; pricing is being sought to replace the poles on the backup sirens; police department following up with 50 junk vehicle notices; police building to get roof repairs; and power steering replacement is required on both police cars.

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION: Harlan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:15 PM in the Map Room to discuss pool personnel, pursuant to the exception of personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Clerk Stinnett and Pool Manager Brad Haas were asked to be included in the session as needed. The open meeting was set to resume in Council Chambers at 8:20 PM. McGinnis seconded.**

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

Council recessed to closed session at 8:15 PM. Council returned to open session at 8:20 PM.

**MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to hire Lori Good as assistant pool manager at \$8.50 per hour; and Lexi Lawless as lifeguard at \$7.25 per hour and send to lifeguard training. Harlan seconded.**

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

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**MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Hisken seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk