

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

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Council President Greg Harlan called the Regular Council Meeting for the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, to order, on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

**Allen Hisken     Dave Armstrong  
Phila Storts**

**A quorum was present**

**Staff Present**

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

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**PUBLIC ITEMS**

Tom Smythe, 419 E. 9th, talked to the Council about a water policy of setting new customer sewer rates at a citywide average for winter consumption. Due to that, he felt he was overcharged for nearly a year. He requested that the torn flag be replaced at the Barner Center in lieu of a refund request. Council President Harlan told Smythe the Council will work on a solution to the issue. City staff will also call Mr. Smythe when a future decision is made.

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**ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- Renn & Co. Insurance Policy
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**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION: Armstrong made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 05-17-18; Payroll Ordinances 05-24-18 and 06-07-18; and Warrant Ordinances 05-31-18 and 06-07-18. Hisken seconded.**

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

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## NEW BUSINESS

### Barner Center Rental

Clerk Stinnett presented a recommendation that the rental rate of the Barner Center be increased to match the four-hour rate for the Community Center's Multi-Purpose Room. Renters of the Barner Center will still have full-day access to the building.

Staff also recommended that it be required to rent the Community Center first. The Barner Center will be available when the Community Center is booked. Current practice is that both the Community Center and Barner Center must be booked before the City Hall room is rented.

**MOTION: Hisken made a motion to raise the rental rate for the Barner Center to \$75 per day, only available for rentals if the Community Center is already booked for that date. Armstrong seconded.**

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

### Crime Stoppers

Chief Berry submitted a request by Wellington/Sumner County Crime Stoppers for a \$150 donation. Chief Berry said he knows the organization has served Belle Plaine, but he was waiting on a meeting with the program coordinator so he could report back to the Council.

**MOTION: Storts moved to table the donation to Crime Stoppers until further information could be obtained. Hisken seconded.**

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

### Renn & Co. Insurance

Clerk Stinnett presented the bill for the annual renewal of insurance from Renn & Co.

**MOTION: Armstrong moved to approved the annual insurance policy with Renn & Co., not to exceed \$34,753.00. Storts seconded.**

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

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## OLD BUSINESS

### Budget Update

Clerk Stinnett reported that the City will be allowed a 1.4 percent increase in budget under the state tax lid formula. That is the same increase as 2018.

## PURCHASE ORDERS

- None

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## STAFF INFORMATION

Staff reported on a June 21 meeting with KDOT to discuss the CCLIP grant application; damage to the Foulk Drive lift station due to an accident with a truck; an update on paving; the closing of the pool for several days due to paint which began dissolving off the walls; a request for an air conditioner at the Barner Center; roof repairs at the police station; SRO training; repairs to police cars; cleanup of several yards and junk vehicles; Parks Advisory Board activity and possible grants; and a library fundraiser.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

**MOTION: Hisken made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:00 PM in the Map Room to discuss seasonal maintenance personnel, pursuant to the exception of personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Clerk Stinnett and Supervisor Howell were asked to be included in the session as needed. The open meeting was set to resume in Council Chambers at 8:05 PM. Storts seconded.**

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

Council recessed to closed session at 8:00 PM. Council returned to open session at 8:05 PM.

**MOTION: Armstrong made a motion to hire Trevor Stanley as a seasonal maintenance employee, starting June 11, 2018, at \$8.00 per hour. Hisken seconded.**

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

**MOTION: Storts made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:08 PM in the Map Room to discuss police department personnel, pursuant to the exception of personnel matters of non-elected personnel, K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). Clerk Stinnett and Chief Berry were asked to be included in the session as needed. The open meeting was set to resume in Council Chambers at 8:23 PM. Armstrong seconded.**

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

Council recessed to closed session at 8:08 PM. Council returned to open session at 8:23 PM.

**MOTION: Hisken made a motion to have the City list an opening for a full-time police officer to start Aug. 1. Armstrong seconded.**

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

**MOTION: Storts made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Armstrong seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk