

**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, July 5, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

A quorum was present

Staff Present

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Narron thanked Council Members Harlan and McGinnis for installing the new flagpole at the Community Center.

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were none.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 06-21-18; Payroll Ordinance 07-05-18; and Warrant Ordinances 06-29-18 and 07-05-18. Storts seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS**CDBG Housing Grant Application**

Casey Tillman, grant coordinator for the South Central Kansas Economic Development District, presented a draft of the CDBG Housing Grant Application. The draft has been submitted to the state for review before the final application is made. Included was Resolution 2018-01, certifying the legal authority to apply for the 2019 Kansas Small cities Community Development Block Grant Program from the Kansas Department of Commerce and authorizing the mayor to sign and submit such an application.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01. Hisken seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Pool Policies, Rental Fees

Mayor Narron presented the Pool Policies which had not been updated since 2013. Most of the policies remain unchanged, but discussion on the update began with concerns that the fees for private parties were too high. Narron and pool staff recommended new fees at \$50 an hour, up to 40 people in the party, and \$60 per hour for over 40 people in the party. Staff also recommended removing references to water safety instructors for swimming lessons, since the pool no longer does a Red Cross certification. A discipline policy was also added, to be effective July 11, 2018.

MOTION: Starts moved to approve changes in the pool policy as presented. Hisken seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Uniform Public Offense Code, Ordinance No. 1668

Ordinance No. 1668, an ordinance regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Plaine, was presented.

MOTION: McGinnis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1668, an ordinance regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities,” Edition of 2018, and repealing Ordinance No. 1661. Harlan seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Standard Traffic Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1669

The annual update to local traffic ordinances, bringing them in line with state law, was presented.

MOTION: Harlan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1669, an ordinance regulating traffic within the corporate limits of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas; incorporating by reference the “Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities,” Edition of 2018; providing certain penalties and repealing Ordinance No. 1660.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Pet Licenses, Ordinance No. 1670

Chief Berry presented Ordinance No. 1670, an ordinance which added a \$25 penalty plus court costs for those who fail to obtain a pet license after receiving official notice from the City that their cat or dog must be licensed.

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1670, an ordinance amending Section 2-201 of the Code of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, pertaining to registration and vaccination of dogs and cats; and repealing original Section 2-201 of the Code of the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas. Harlan seconded.

**VOTING YEA: Harlan, Hisken, McGinnis VOTING NAY: Storts
MOTION CARRIED.**

Burn Permits

Chief Berry presented information on updating the process and ordinance for burn permits. After searches by staff, much of what Berry wished to accomplish with the law was found to already be in City Code. With Council approval, he will add to the Code through a new ordinance, making burning within 50 feet of a structure illegal and allowing residents to have two fire rings, at least 25 feet away from each other. He said the Police Department will continue to work with residents who need to burn lawn waste, but the ordinance will address safety concerns.

MOTION: McGinnis moved to accept the changes as proposed by Chief Berry and instruct him to return with an official ordinance. Hisken seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Railroad Quiet Zone

Mike MacKay, who is serving as the City’s consultant for the Railroad Quiet Zone, presented an update on the effort. He said the railroad’s first offer for closing the 10th Street crossing is significantly less than was expected. He said he wants to negotiate with BNSF to increase that funding. If it is legally feasible, the crossing funds will be used for a matching grant for the Quiet Zone. He asked the Council for permission to negotiate.

MOTION: Harlan made a motion to support MacKay in his negotiations. Hisken seconded.

**VOTING YEA: Harlan, Hisken, McGinnis VOTING NAY: Storts
MOTION CARRIED.**

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None
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STAFF INFORMATION

Staff reported on house demolition, city attorney's effort to get information on the Peterson restitution, the Summer Reading Program's success, the profits on the fireworks stand, continued effort to get weeds mowed, work on blight notices, and work to get church and/or civic groups to help homeowners in need.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Harlan seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk