

**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 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

A quorum was present

Staff Present

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Narron complimented the staff, saying people have noticed the cleanup and paving in town. Mayor Narron said Superintendent Dr. Jim Sutton arranged a meeting with City and school district staff and representatives of the Kansas Rural Economic Development group, who met July 17 to discuss ways to improve the community. On July 20, the mayor planned to meet with local church members to talk about blight. Working with local groups may be the best way to tackle the problem and he said he plans to meet with every city organization to create a pool to work on the issue. Mayor Narron must report back to Dr. Sutton on progress made on the issue within 30 days, he said.

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were none.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Councilmember Storts asked to add an item to the agenda on weeds at 218 N. Logan. Chief Berry answered her questions at that time, saying the City will mow the lot because the owner has failed to address the issue.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 07-05-18; Payroll Ordinance 07-019-18; and Warrant Ordinance 07-19-18. Harlan seconded.

VOTING YEA: Harlan, Hisken, McGinnis, Storts VOTING NAY: NONE
ABSTAIN: Armstrong MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS**Aging Projects Contract**

Mayor Narron presented the annual Aging Projects/Friendship Meals Contract for renewal. The only significant change in the contract was the new dates.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve the contract with Aging Projects/Friendship Meals for the Oct. 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 year and authorize the mayor and city clerk to sign the document. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Bid for Sand Volleyball Court

Jessica Greenlee, vice chair of the Parks Advisory Board, presented a bid for supplies for a sand volleyball court at Watson Park. The quote from Aggregate Sand & Gravel, Mulvane, was for fill sand (100 tons at \$2.60 per ton), \$260; masons ultra-fine sand (70 tons at \$3.85 each), \$269.50; and delivery, \$700, for a total of \$1,229.50. The board would also like to set up horseshoe pits, so they asked for up to \$1,500 in spending authority. City maintenance crews will excavate and prepare the ground for the sand. The school district has agreed to donate used nets and poles for the project.

MOTION: Hisken moved to approve the parks improvement present up to \$1,500.00, with the focus to be on the sand volleyball court. Storts seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

2019 Budget Summary

Clerk Stinnett presented the 2019 Budget Summary, which levies \$625,117 in ad valorem tax, at an estimated mill levy rate of 87.643. The final mill levy rate is established in November when county property assessments for 2018 are finalized.

MOTION: Harlan moved to publish the proposed budget for 2019 with \$625,117 in 2018 ad valorem tax and set a budget hearing for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 16, 2018 at City Hall. McGinnis seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Housing Status – 519 W. 8th

Chief Berry presented an update on the status of a home at 519 W. 8th, which had previously been marked by the City as uninhabitable. Chief Berry and Councilmember Harlan toured the home with the owner, Thora Bean, and her maintenance employee. Harlan commented that substantial progress was made in the improvement of the home. Mrs. Bean estimated she would need six weeks to complete the rehab of the property.

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to allow Thora Bean an additional six weeks to bring the property up to occupancy standards. A report back to the Council will be made on Sept. 6. Harlan seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None

STAFF INFORMATION

Staff reported on the ice machine at the Community Center, payment for the 2017 soybean crop, an update on the Hunter Safety Course, change to the withdrawal date on the Automatic Debit for utility payments, street work completion for Merchant and Main, case work by the police department, work on code violations, DARE training, and National Night Out on Aug. 7.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Harlan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:30 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). Chief Berry and Clerk Stinnett were asked to be included in the session as needed. The open meeting was set to resume in Council Chambers at 7:45 PM. Storts seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Council recessed to closed session at 7:30 PM. Council returned to open session at 7:45 PM.

MOTION: Harlan made a motion to hire Craig Divoll as a police officer at \$13.85 per hour. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Armstrong seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk