

**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, November 1, 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; Loree Hisken-Library Director;
Stephanie McGinnis-Deputy City Clerk; and Linda Stinnett-City Clerk.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Narron recognized three residents for their efforts in Belle Plaine. Rosalie Hatfield has recently left her volunteer position of keeping up flower beds in the parks and at the Community Center. Mayor Narron thanked her for keeping the town so beautiful for so many years. Mrs. Hatfield told the Council she is also resigning from the Community Center Advisory Board.

Chief Berry recognized two auxiliary/part-time officers who have resigned from the department. David Hyle is leaving after 11 years of serving the department and Chief Berry wished him the best in the rest of his endeavors and thanked him for his service. Art Tuxhorn served his community through the police department for nearly 40 years. The City appreciates all of his contributions to his city and community.

PUBLIC ITEMS

There were none.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Remove the Executive Session from the agenda.
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Harlan made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 10-18-18; Payroll Ordinance 10-25-18; and Warrant Ordinances 10-31-18 and 11-01-18. McGinnis seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS**Quiet Zone**

John Emmons spoke to the council about the railroad quiet zone. His home at 300 W. 10th frequently has measurable decibel levels of 70, and often every five minutes. He noted that there are homes between his and the railroad tracks which assumedly have higher decibel levels. He said he asked to be on the agenda to provide notification that his hearing loss is attributable to the train noise.

Mayor Narron said the work to create a quiet zone is ongoing and still in discussion. Negotiations continue due to the monetary issues associated with the effort.

2019 Holiday Schedule

Clerk Stinnett presented the 2019 Holiday Schedule so payroll dates can be certified with KPERS. Only one date, July 4, will be in conflict with payroll dates. The holidays for City employees will be:

New Year's Day – Monday, January 1

President's Day – Monday, February 18

Memorial Day – Monday, May 27

Independence Day – Thursday, July 4

Labor Day – Monday, September 2

Veteran's Day – Monday, November 11

Thanksgiving Day and Friday after – November 28 and 29

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25

MOTION: Storts made a motion to approve the 2019 Holiday Schedule as presented. Harlan seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

New Business License – The Get 'n Place

Mayor Narron presented an application for a Business License from Chad Poort and Jason Pelkey for The Get 'n Place, a health remedy retail space. Chief Berry reported that background checks on the owners were acceptable.

- **MOTION: McGinnis moved to approve the application for a Business License for The Get ‘n Place, owned by Chad Poort and Jason Pelkey and located at 440 N. Merchant, Suite #100. Harlan seconded.**

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Outstanding Checks

Clerk Stinnett presented information on 21 outstanding checks which the auditor suggested be written off to clear the books. The checks included eight payroll checks which were never cashed; four utility deposit refunds; and nine accounts payable checks which were either covered by other checks or not cashed due to other reasons. None of the accounts payable checks have left open balances with other companies.

- **MOTION: Hisken moved to void checks 32981, 33411, 34006, 34175, 34228, 34277, 34281, 34284 and 35391 and refund the money back into the respective funds. McGinnis seconded.**

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Parks Board Report

Jessica Greenlee, Parks Advisory Board vice chairman, submitted a report on the work the board is doing to get grants and establish a fund-raising Legacy Program to place benches, lamps, trees, and other items in Watson Park. The board is also seeking bids for repairs to the park restrooms and is planning a sand volleyball tournament for the 2019 tulip festival.

- **MOTION: Storts moved to approve the initial idea of a Watson Park Legacy Program, with the Parks Advisory Board to return for final approval when details are available. Hisken seconded.**

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Health/Dental Insurance Renewals

Clerk Stinnett presented the new health and dental insurance rates. Dental is increasing about 1.8 percent and the health rates about 2.8 percent. Stinnett noted that the prices are still lower than the City was paying four years ago.

- **MOTION: Harlan moved to approve the new contracts with Delta Dental of Kansas and United Healthcare. McGinnis seconded.**

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None
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STAFF INFORMATION

Printed staff reports were submitted. Among other items reported were:

- The second round of Pet License letters has been completed.
 - Ditches have been cleaned out along the east side of Logan. Council members asked that Maintenance follow up to improve the landscaping where they dug previously.
 - Public WiFi has been established at City Hall.
 - City Hall received several phone calls from Kansas City-area residents who thought they had outstanding tickets with Belle Plaine. It turned out that a change in the state DMV system had a glitch which was showing tickets incorrectly. It is being fixed.
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MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Hisken seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk