

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Add Year End Spending Request by the Parks Board.
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Hisken made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting of 12-06-18; Payroll Ordinance 12-20-18; and Warrant Ordinance 12-20-18. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Center LED Sign Update

The anonymous donor of the Community Center LED Sign has informed the City he plans to have the sign back by the end of the year. The City is looking at its options for the “very kind gift,” Mayor Narron said.

City Hall Exterior Repairs

Maintenance Director Howell presented a quote for repairs to the exterior walls of City Hall. Gerald Crumley of Old World Textures submitted a bid for \$3,145.60 to power wash, repair, and repaint the exterior stucco of the building and to remediate mold and repair sheetrock in the west two rooms at City Hall.

MOTION: Hisken moved to table action to get an itemized quote from Old World Textures. McGinnis seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Community Center Painting Quote

A quote was received from Lori Branning, owner of Lori’s All Season Painting, for interior painting at the Community Center. Her bid was broken down by room.

MOTION: Harlan moved to approve the quote for painting the Community Center by Lori’s All Season Painting for \$2,858.72. McGinnis seconded.

VOTING YEA: Armstrong, Harlan, McGinnis, Storts

VOTING NAY: Hisken

MOTION CARRIED.

MXU Cost to Homeowner

Supervisor Howell reported on the cost incurred by the City when residents damage the radio read equipment, commonly called the MXU, on the water meter. Over the past year 19 have been broken and one resident has broken four of the \$125 units by driving a vehicle over it. Howell said that in the extreme cases, we need to pass the cost on to the property owner, but it is not in the City Code. Council consensus was to send a letter to the property owner in extreme cases, telling them they are required to pay the full cost of the replacement, plus the labor cost for replacement.

Year-End Spending Request by the Parks Board

Clerk Stinnett and Supervisor Howell presented a request for year-end spending by the Parks Board.

MOTION: Hisken moved to approve the bid for lighting and a bench up to \$1,300 for a catalyst for the park Legacy Program and up to \$1,500 in improvements for the restroom facilities in the park. He then amended the motion to make the restroom repairs up to \$2,500 for the facilities in the park and/or Morley Field. Harlan seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Quiet Zone Update

Mayor Narron presented an update on the Quiet Zone. The railroad is offering approximately \$40,000 for the closing of 10th Street and the Arboretum is spearheading a fundraising effort to pay for the crossing upgrades on K-55 Highway. The mayor will be meeting with Railroad representatives, and state and county officials, and asking where the City needs to be at to do this. He plans to return to the Council by the first meeting in February with facts in hand on the Quiet Zone.

Employee Handbook

Clerk Stinnett presented a final draft of the Employee Handbook with updated personnel policies. The policies had been discussed at length in two workshop sessions by the Council.

MOTION: McGinnis moved to approve the Personnel Policies and Guidelines, City of Belle Plaine, KS, as submitted, pending review and approval by the City Attorney, with an amendment to E-15 to specify Paid Time Off. Armstrong 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 RV spaces at Watson Park are being finalized for services and policies for use will be developed after the first of the year. There are 3 20-foot stalls.
 - The crosswalk at 7th and Friend needs improvements.
 - Work at the Buckaroo ditch will continue in the future.
 - Suspects in a car burglary in the Watson Addition will face charges soon. They are Wichita residents with a prior history of similar burglaries.
 - Enforcement of property appearances is slow and difficult and the City needs some weight behind enforcement.
 - A homeowner on 10th is working to solve a parking issue on the street, but signs have been ordered to help them with enforcement.
 - Council member Hisken said he will begin legwork to have Oliver renamed from the Sedgwick County line to U.S. 160. He said the City is losing identity by not having its name on the road.
 - Clerk Stinnett will look into the cost of Turnpike signage directing people to Belle Plaine.
 - Questions were asked on the structural integrity of the building south of the Post Office.
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MOTION: Hisken made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. McGinnis seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk