

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

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Richard Penn called the Regular Council Meeting for the City of Belle Plaine, Kansas, to order on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Members Present

**Lacy Tedman Dennis McGinnis
David Armstrong Rob Narron**

A quorum was present

Staff Present

**Gordon Fell – Police Chief, Guy Howell – Maintenance Superintendent,
and Linda Stinnett – City Clerk.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Penn said in brief comments that he has answered a lot of questions from the public in recent days. Residents appear to be interested in the Comprehensive Plan.

PUBLIC ITEMS

Phila Storts addressed the Council about a Public Hearing set for January 25, 2017 on the City's request to obtain Extraterritorial Zoning Jurisdiction in an area surrounding Belle Plaine. She asked whether residents with questions should address the City Council or county officials. Mayor Penn said he and Council Members will be happy to address questions.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None.
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APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Narron made a motion to approve Payroll Ordinance 01-19-17 and Warrant Ordinance 01-19-17. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting 01-05-17. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Sumner County Economic Development Commission

Stacy Davis, Director of the Sumner County Economic Development Commission, and Jane Cole, vice chairman of the Commission, attended the meeting to report on activities through the past year. Davis will return in the future for an executive session with the Council about a business interested in Belle Plaine. Council Members asked about a grant for improvements to low income homes. Davis said work will need to start quickly for that effort.

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to approve paying dues to the Sumner County Economic Development Commission for 2017. Narron seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

GAAP Waiver Resolution 2017-01

The annual waiver of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles was presented.

MOTION: Narron made a motion to approve GAAP Waiver Resolution 2017-01. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan – Ordinance No. 1654

MOTION: Narron made a motion to receive and the unapproved minutes of the Belle Plaine City Planning Commission meeting of January 10, 2017, which was the date of the public hearing and Plan adoption. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

David Foster, with Foster Design Associates, presented information on the final draft of the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan culminates an ongoing study of the community and includes Planning Goals and Tasks for the future. It will be reviewed annually by the Planning Commission. No one from the public had any comment on the Plan and the City Clerk had not received any written comment.

MOTION: Narron made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the Comprehensive Development Plan for the Belle Plaine Area, Kansas: 2016-2036, as submitted, and to approve Ordinance Number 1654 and direct the City Clerk to publish it. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Reports from staff were on cleanup of scrap metal at the Sewer Plant, cleanup of leaves in street gutters to facilitate better drainage, continued work at the Library, a heater issue at the Barner Center, an update on Business Licenses, and the well project. It is now waiting on Century Link to return from work due to the ice storm in other parts of Kansas.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to go into executive session for Non-Elected Personnel from 7:56 PM to 8:30 PM in the maintenance map room. The Council reserved the right to call back Clerk Stinnett and Chief Fell. Narron seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED

The Council returned to open session at 8:30 PM. A report was then made on the coming Extraterritorial Jurisdiction hearing in Wellington at 7:30 p.m. on January 25, 2017.

MOTION: Narron made a motion to approve cost of living adjustments, merit raises and wage adjustments for City Staff. Tedman seconded. The pay changes were:

**Bill Berry, 3 percent COLA and 3 percent merit, to move his hourly rate to \$19.66;
Travis Martin, 3 percent COLA, 3 percent merit, \$1.50 wage leveling, to move his hourly rate to \$15.42;
Trevor Corbett, 3 percent COLA, 3 percent merit, \$1.50 leveling, to move his hourly rate to \$15.74;
Guy Howell, 3 percent COLA, 3 percent merit, and \$2.00 leveling, to move his hourly rate to \$23.84;
Ramon Lujan, 3 percent COLA, and 3 percent merit, to move his hourly rate to \$16.31;
Joi Lawless (City Treasurer) to \$250 per month; and
Chief Fell to \$67,500 annual salary.**

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED

Adjournment

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. McGinnis seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk