

**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, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

**COUNCIL ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

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

**A quorum was present**

**Staff Present**

**Gordon Fell – Police Chief; Guy Howell – Maintenance Superintendent; Linda Stinnett – City Clerk; Casey Yingling – City Attorney; and Loree Hisken – Library Director.**

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**620 N. LINE - HEARING**

Chief Fell reported that William and Dea Taylor have purchased the property from Steven Gilmore. Demolition on the entire house has started and the couple plans to sell the lot when it is finished. Mayor Penn recessed the hearing on the property until the June 1, 2017 meeting.

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**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Mayor Penn congratulated the community on a successful Tulip Time.
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**PUBLIC ITEMS**

- Thora Bean asked about usage of the alleyway behind her apartments at 219 W. 5th. She had cleaned the area and had new gravel laid, but others are using the alley, leaving mud holes. Mayor Penn said the matter will be checked.
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### **ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**

- The Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege was moved to Item No. 6 on the agenda, due to the attorney's need to leave the meeting quickly.

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### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION: Tedman made a motion to go into Executive Session for Attorney/Client Privilege and Non-Elected Personnel from 7:10 to 7:40 PM. Chief Fell, Clerk Stinnett, Supervisor Howell, and City Attorney Yingling were asked to be in the session. Bohannon seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

Council returned to open session at 7:42 PM.

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### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS**

**MOTION: Bohannon made a motion to approve the Minutes for the Council Meeting on 04-06-17; Payroll Ordinance 04-13-17; and Warrant Ordinance 04-20-17. McGinnis seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

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### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **805 N. Line (Abandoned Property) – Resolution 2017-04**

Chief Fell had sent a letter to Joseph and Doris Bain, owners, noting code violations and safety concerns at 805 N. Line.

**MOTION: Tedman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-04 setting a hearing on the property for the Council meeting on June 15, 2017. Bohannon seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **919 N. Sumner (Abandoned Property) – Resolution 2017-05**

Chief Fell had sent a letter to Raymond F. Luczak and Therese N. Forester, noting code violations and safety concerns at 919 N. Sumner.

**MOTION: Tedman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2017-05 setting a hearing on the property for the Council meeting on June 15, 2017. Armstrong seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**519 W. 8<sup>th</sup> – Update on Cleanup**

Thora Bean, owner, and Fred Lopez, agent, reported on the Cleanup at 519 W. 8th. Mr. Lopez said the mold issues had been addressed and wet flooring was opened up to allow drying where water pipes had leaked. Work on the property continues and the owner must have mold abatement and construction professionals sign off on the work.

**MOTION: Tedman made a motion to table the issue until the May 18, 2017 meeting. Narron seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

**125 N. Lincoln – Update on Cleanup**

Chief Fell reported that time for cleanup was extended through the Citywide Cleanup and some of the work has been completed. Some debris remains in the yard and skirting on the manufactured home has not been repaired and replaced. Council Member McGinnis volunteered to reach out to the property owner to relay some offers of assistance in the cleanup.

**MOTION: Narron made a motion to table action on the property until the May 4, 2017 meeting. Bohannon seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Barner Center Air Conditioning**

Chief Fell reported that J.P. Service had looked at the air conditioning issues in the Barner Center. They provided three options: An exhaust hood over the stove, \$4,018; a grease hood with fan and duct to accommodate future fryers, \$8,062; or a new 3-ton system, \$7,686. After discussion Mayor Penn instructed staff to seek three additional recommendations and bids.

**MOTION: Narron made a motion to table the matter until the May 4, 2017 meeting.. Bohannon seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

**Code Book – Ordinance No. 1657**

**MOTION: Tedman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1657. Armstrong seconded.**

**VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.**

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## **PURCHASE ORDERS**

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## **STAFF REPORTS**

Staff reports included an update on youth going to a state leadership summit; DARE Graduation; road work beginning May 8; and final efforts on the 47 junk vehicle notices issued recently.

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## **Adjournment**

**MOTION: Narron made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Bohannon seconded. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk