

**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, August 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Members Present

**Dave Armstrong Tori Bohannon
Dennis McGinnis Lacy Tedman**

A quorum was present

Staff Present

**Linda Stinnett- City Clerk, Guy Howell-Maintenance Supervisor,
and Gordon Fell-Police Chief.**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Penn recognized two employees for city service time: Supervisor Howell for five years, and Chief Fell for 10 years.

PUBLIC ITEMS

Phila Storts said petitions are at public places in the community about an upcoming parole hearing for Donald Wacker, who was found guilty 27 years ago of kidnapping Nancy Shoemaker of Wichita. Shoemaker's body was found near Belle Plaine.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- Water Meter Discussion (New Business)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council Meeting 08-03-17 and Public Hearings 08-03-17 and 08-10-17, Payroll Ordinance 08-17-17, and Warrant Ordinance 08-03-17. Bohannon seconded.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change until approved by the City Council.
Approval Date: September 7, 2017

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MDA Donation

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to approve the donation of a month's free use of the Fitness Center for an MDA fund-raiser. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Collection Bureau of Kansas presentation

Chad Hollins, Vice President of Sales for the Collection Bureau of Kansas, made a presentation on his company via a phone connection. By consensus, the Council tabled the discussion until the September 7, 2017 meeting.

Water Meter Bond

Chief Fell reported that water meters tests were 15 percent inaccurate at low flow usage. With almost all local meters used at low flow usage levels, staff would like to step up a plan to begin replacing all meters. The estimate of cost is nearly \$120,000 for the meters and \$10,000 labor for installation. Chief Fell will return with information on the bond at the September 7 meeting.

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to move forward with the process to purchase the meters. Armstrong seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

KPTS Proposal

Victor Hogstrom, President and CEO of KPTS – Channel 8 in Wichita, presented information on a partnership proposal the television station is making with local government. The station has offered reduced prices on advertising in exchange for an annual grant that is suggested at 50 cents per person in each community. Mayor Penn told Mr. Hogstrom the Council will discuss the idea internally. Council members, by consensus, said they preferred that the partnership work through civic organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce. Chief Fell will take the proposal to the Chamber on September 6 and report on it at the September 7 Council meeting.

Quiet Zone

Chief Fell provided updates to the process to establish a Quiet Zone with Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. He will return to the Council on September 7 with additional information on funding needed for the next steps of the effort.

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None

STAFF INFORMATION

Staff reports were given on the StoryWalk by the Library at the Bartlett Arboretum, new format for electronic Work Orders, improvements at Watson Park to provide RV hookups, closing of the pool, progress on demo of a mobile home at 10th and Sumner and another home at 8th and Line, a zoning violation in another location, and tall weeds.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to go into Executive Session for Non-Elected Personnel from 8:35 to 8:50 PM. Chief Fell, Clerk Stinnett, and Supervisor Howell were asked to be included in the session as needed. McGinnis seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Council returned to open session at 8:50 PM.

MOTION: Bohannon made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Tedman seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk