

**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, September 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE

Members Present

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

A quorum was present

Staff Present

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

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Penn asked those present to keep the communities affected by hurricanes in their thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC ITEMS

Phila Storts presented a list of questions for the Council on several subjects. The questions were answered by staff members.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

- None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

MOTION: Bohannon made a motion to approve the minutes for the Council Meeting 08-17-17. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change until approved by the City Council.
Approval Date: September 21, 2017

MOTION: Narron made a motion to approve Payroll Ordinance 08-31-17 and Warrant Ordinances 08-31-17 and 09-07-17. Bohannon seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Bobcat Lease

Chief Fell reported that the Bobcat has been leased for several years. This year the company has reported there will be significant increases in the cost of that, from \$7,000 to \$11,600. The cost to purchase the current Bobcat is \$37,168.97 and the purchase of a new Bobcat is \$39,900. Staff is recommending moving forward with the purchase of new equipment.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to allow staff to continue to look into the financing of a new Bobcat. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

Northview Heights Lot Sale

Julie Gooch, with J.P. Weigand & Sons Inc., presented an offer from Greg and Sherri Harlan to purchase the lot at 1160 N. Washington, in the Northview Heights 2nd Addition under the City's incentive program for that neighborhood.

MOTION: McGinnis made a motion to move forward with the sale of Lot 8 at 1160 N. Washington. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

KPTS Proposal

Julie Gooch, Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce member, reported that the Chamber is willing to partner with the City for a grant agreement to KPTS. Council Member McGinnis said he personally would donate to the proposal, but was not in favor of City funds being used for it. Mayor Penn also said it would become an expensive project as the advertising was increased at Tulip Time. A consensus of the Council was that the majority were not in favor of the proposal.

Water Meter Bond

Sandra Wharton, with Valley State Bank, was present to present two resolutions for bonds to finance new water meters in town.

MOTION: Bohannon made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10, referring to the Cost of the Water System Improvements. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Bohannon made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-11, Sale of General Obligation Bonds. Tedman seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

PURCHASE ORDERS

- None

STAFF INFORMATION

Staff reports were given on the status of bad debt on the City books, a meeting with Aging Projects Inc., light fixtures out in the Library, and the Quiet Zone. Chief Fell said the City did not receive the grant for repairs on Kansas Highway 55 inside the City Limits. He has talked to the Area Engineer for KDOT, requesting that they schedule the work as part of their responsibility for routine upkeep, and look at striping needs in at least two intersections.

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to accept the contract with Aging Projects Inc. Narron seconded.

VOTING YEA: ALL VOTING NAY: NONE MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Tedman made a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Narron seconded. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Stinnett, City Clerk