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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on April 15, 2008 in Council Chambers. Mayor Phillip Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Chad Thompson, Tom Maxwell, Butch Pontow, Craig Cousland, Susan Concannon, Bill Foreman, Denis Shumate and Pat Struble. Also present were City Administrator Doug Gerber, City Attorney Harry Gantenbein and City Clerk Charlene Abell. Youth Council Representatives Rachel Waddell and Claire Thiessen were also present.

Department heads in attendance were Frank Gent, Jerry Blass, Mike Haeffele, and Murray McGee.

Councilor Struble gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Roberts reported that it was a real honor and privilege to serve as Councilor and Mayor for the City of Beloit. Councilor Thompson stated that there are a lot of good things happening in Beloit. He thanked everyone for their support and said he is glad to live in Beloit. Councilor Concannon thanked her fellow Councilors and past Councils. She stated that she learned a lot about the City and how government runs. She enjoyed her time on the Council and thanked everyone. Councilor Pontow thanked Mayor Roberts and his fellow Councilmembers for their support over the years. He also thanked the City staff for all of their hard work. There were times that some hard decisions had to be made, but it has been an honor and privilege to work with everyone.

City Administrator Gerber presented plaques to the outgoing Governing Body members.

Rick Brown, Tom Naasz, Denis Shumate and Rebecca Koster were sworn in as Governing Body members.

Mayor Koster asked for Councilor reports. Councilors Foreman, Cousland, Maxwell, and Struble welcomed the new members. Councilor Maxwell asked staff to look into the alley behind the Porter Hotel and Beloit Motor because it is in bad shape and there is a lot of traffic that passes through there every day. Councilor Naasz stated that he is looking forward to working with everyone. Councilor Foreman commented that he checked with the County Clerk and was not pleased with the percentages of voter turnout. He does not know why more people are not registered and why they do not vote.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Foreman that Councilor Cousland be elected as Council President. Motion carried 7-0.

City Attorney Gantenbein welcomed the new Councilors and Mayor and looks forward to working with them. Gantenbein said it has been a pleasure to work for the City and with all of the outgoing members.

City Administrator Gerber welcomed the new members and thanked past members for their hard work. Councilor James Crowley was not able to be present due to a family situation. Administrator Gerber reported that there will be an amended agenda. The fire department had their election of officers on Monday, April 14, 2008 and the list of officers has been added. Gerber reported that the Mill Street Project has begun.

Gerber presented Employee of the Quarter Ryan Stocker with a plaque. Stocker is a Sergeant in the Police Department and was nominated for his dedication and work on some recent vehicle burglaries.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. David Chase asked about the Emergency Operations Manual, expressed concerns for the intersections at 8th and Independence and 8th and Highway 24, commented on the yearly retreat and the KOMA/KORA policy, and congratulated the new members of the Governing Body.

The Consent Agenda consists of the meeting minutes of April 1, 2008, Appropriations 4B, and the new officers for the Fire Department. A motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Cousland, Foreman and Naasz. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Naasz to grant the City Administrator the authority to implement a Cost of Living Adjustment in an amount not to exceed 4.0%. Motion carried 7-0.

Staff recently took bids for three 2,500 foot reels of 1/0, 15KV underground cable. The wire will be used for three phase circuits in various projects throughout town, including a new business going in on Highway 24. A recommendation was made to approve the bid from



WESCO in the amount of \$16,762.50. A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the recommendation. Motion carried 7-0.

The Transportation Department recently requested bids for a skid steer. A recommendation has been made to accept the bid from Bobcat of Salina in the amount of \$43,513. The skid steer will be used by the street maintenance program, for new street construction and for snow removal. A motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Shumate to accept the bid. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Shumate to recess into an executive session for a period of fifteen minutes for Preliminary Consideration of Specific Personnel Matter of Non-Elected Personnel. The session included the Governing Body, City Administrator and City Attorney. Motion carried 7-0. The session began at 7:36 p.m. and ended at 7:51 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

Councilor Cousland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Maxwell seconded and the motion carried 7-0. The meeting ended at 7:52 p.m.

The work session began at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Shumate, Maxwell, Brown, Cousland, Naasz and Foreman. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbein, City Clerk Abell and Youth Council Representatives Thiessen and Waddell. Councilor Crowley arrived at 8:15 p.m.

Department heads present were McGee and Gent.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of the March Police reports, the March Community Development report, the first quarter Code Enforcement report, a thank you note from Heartbeat Pregnancy Center and a thank you from the Beloit Elementary School.

City Attorney Gantenbein did not have a report at this time.

City Administrator Gerber asked the Youth Councilors to give a report. Waddell explained that they had planned a tour of the Wastewater Plant, but cancelled it due to rain. They talked about the Library vote. In the future, they will tour the Mill Street construction and ride in a bucket truck. Administrator Gerber passed around a contact list and a lunch schedule. A special Arbor Day

celebration will be held on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at noon. The Tree Board will plant a tree in honor of Cheryl Christians, a long-time City employee who passed away last Fall, recognize winners of the 5th Grade Arbor Day poster contest, and celebrate the City's 31st consecutive year to receive the Tree City USA Award. The rate study was discussed and the consensus was to move ahead with the study. Gerber will have information regarding the budget and sales tax at the next work session. Councilor Shumate asked about the future of the Library. Administrator Gerber reported that the Library has not made a decision yet.

The Zoning Code was reviewed with the new Governing Body members. Gantenbein is in the process of putting the code into ordinance form for adoption. This item will be on the next Council agenda.

The City of Beloit has received a request from the League of Kansas Municipalities that cities in Kansas adopt a resolution to show support for renewal of the Comprehensive Transportation Program. The current program expires in 2009. This item will be on the next Council agenda for adoption.

City Administrator Gerber gave an overview of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and the Kansas Open Records Act.

The work session ended at 9:10 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

CHARLENE ABELL, City Clerk