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CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on May 20, 2008 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Rebecca Koster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Pat Struble, Bill Foreman, Denis Shumate, Craig Cousland, Rick Brown, Tom Naasz, Tom Maxwell and James Crowley. Also present were City Administrator Doug Gerber and City Clerk Charlene Abell. Youth Councilors Jacee Simmons and Jessica Hake were also present. City Attorney Harry Gantenbein was absent.

Department heads in attendance were Jerry Blass, Frank Gent, Stacy Thompson, Lloyd Littrell and Murray McGee.

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

Mayor Koster reported on the amended agenda to add a closed session. The Mill Street project is moving along and the employees are doing a great job. Councilor Maxwell reminded everyone about the Homecoming festivities this weekend. Councilor Crowley reported that he had been asked about the Meadowlark Lane issue and he informed the person that it is in the hands of the landowners. Councilor Brown thanked everyone for their help at the races on Saturday and mentioned the next race will be on Friday, May 23.

City Administrator Gerber reported on the Mill Street project. The curb on both sides of the street has been poured and weather permitting the street will be poured next week. Gerber thanked the employees for their hard work. He also thanked the Council for taking the time to meet and review the rate study Monday night.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. There were none.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the May 6, 2008 Council Meeting, minutes from the May 12, 2008 Special City Council Meeting and Appropriations 5B. A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Foreman, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

The 2008 Legislature approved an increase to municipal court fees. Staff recommends the City's fees be increased as well. A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve Ordinance No. 2048 increasing the court costs to \$60. Roll Call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Cousland, Crowley, Foreman and Naasz. Nays: None.

Mayor Koster passed out a list of proposed City Officer appointments. Councilor Shumate asked about the history of the appointments by the Mayor and commented that the system seemed archaic. He would like to discuss the process in the future. A motion was made by Councilor Struble to approve Resolution 5-2008 confirming City Officer appointments. The motion was seconded by Councilor Maxwell. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Crowley and Foreman. Nays: None.

Farmway Coop recently submitted a street petition. Resolution 6-2008 authorizes construction of a street improvement project on Cottonwood Street. A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Naasz to approve Resolution 6-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Crowley, Shumate, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Maxwell and Struble. Nays: None.

Bids were taken for the purchase of fifteen fire hydrants. The hydrants are used as water mains are changed out. There are two hydrants currently in stock and this purchase should last for a year. A motion was made by Cousland to approve the bid from Wichita Winwater in the amount of \$16,095 and seconded by Shumate. Motion carried 8-0.

One of the Council goals for 2008 was to establish a new and improved website. A request for proposals was sent out and since then staff has met with representatives from the Mill Street Trading Company, LLC and gone over the City's vision for the website. A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the proposal from Mill Street Trading Company, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. Motion carried 7-1 with Councilor Brown voting no.

A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to recess into an executive session



for Preliminary Consideration of Specific Personnel Matter of Non-Elected Personnel for a period of fifteen minutes. The session is to include the Mayor, Governing Body and the City Administrator. Motion carried 8-0. The session began at 7:27 p.m. and ended at 7:42 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

The work session began at 7:50 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Shumate, Maxwell, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Crowley and Foreman. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gerber, City Clerk Abell, and Youth Councilors Simmons and Hake. City Attorney Gantenbein was absent.

Department Heads present were Thompson, Blass, Littrell and McGee. Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of the April Police reports and a letter from Employers Mutual Insurance Company reporting that the City of Beloit has received a dividend check in the amount of \$40,33312.

Administrator Gerber reported that anyone walking in the parade should meet at Third and Mill Street at 9:45 a.m. The League of Kansas Municipalities is accepting applications from anyone interested in being on a board. Gerber will be on vacation next week. Assistant to the City Administrator Thompson will be the person of contact. Charlene Abell has resigned her position as City Clerk. Mayor Koster, Councilor Cousland and Councilor Naasz offered to be on the interview panel for that position. Water Plant Foreman Don Stroede is retiring so the City will be advertising for that position as well. Thirty people signed up for automatic payment during Customer Appreciation week and the Mayor drew Curt Pahls as the winner of a free May utility bill.

Youth Councilors Hake and Simmons reported on Youth Council activities. They are planning a Haunted House for the younger children this Halloween. Each representative will receive a camera to get pictures for a project they are calling A Day In The Life of Beloit. The group also plans to have another election in November.

Regional Planning Director Doug McKinney was present to discuss some of the potential funding opportunities that are currently available to the City of Beloit for projects such as the walking trail, a waterline from the Lake and the Library. There is a lot of work that goes into getting these grants and they will not completely fund any of the projects so he also discussed opportunities for low interest loans.

The Animal Code was reviewed due to a complaint regarding dogs running at large in the cemetery and pet owners not picking up after them. The highlighted discussion points included: leashing animals, penalties, dangerous or vicious animals, number of animals allowed, confinement requirements, and registering animals. An article will be in the newsletter and the Police Department will try to make contact with the pet owners who walk their dogs in the cemetery.

The work session ended at 9:30 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY BENSON, Deputy City Clerk