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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on June 3, 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, and James Crowley. Also present were City Administrator Doug Gerber, City Attorney Harry Gantenbein and Assistant to the City Administrator Stacy Thompson. Youth Councilors Brad Ellenz and Grant Deneke were also present. Councilor Tom Maxwell was absent.

Department heads in attendance were Jerry Blass, Frank Gent and Lloyd Littrell.

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

Mayor Koster reported receiving a call from Glen Elder City Superintendent Eldon Behymer who was appreciative of all the help they received from the City of Beloit after the storm last week. Councilor Shumate was impressed with the word getting out about the storm, the sirens being sounded, and the help that was given to surrounding communities. Councilor Struble echoed Shumate's comments and also wanted everyone to be aware that Beloit is hosting the 8-Man All-Stars this week in preparation for the games on Saturday. This is a benefit to the community and she would encourage everyone to welcome the players and their families. Councilor Brown thanked the law enforcement for opening up the storm shelters and reminded everyone there will be a Solomon Valley Raceway race on Saturday. Councilor Crowley was happy to see everyone helping each other after the storm. He also commented that as a former 8-Man All-Star player the game is great for the community and he encouraged everyone to support the players and to go watch the excellent games. Councilor Cousland thanked City employees for their work during and after the storm. He also thanked City crews for the help with homecoming weekend. He believes Beloit has many good things going on and we should not keep that a secret. Councilor Naasz thanked the City employees for their work with the storm.

City Administrator Gerber introduced Youth Councilors Ellenz and Deneke. He mentioned that the City Councilors have maps of the special event license location at their places as well as a memorandum of understanding

regarding the City's water contract from the Bureau of Reclamation. Gerber was informed after the last Council meeting that Councilor Cousland is responsible for some of the stained glass in the Courthouse so if anyone is interested they should check out his work. The Mill Street project has been delayed due to rain, but the Transportation Department is ready to pour street if the weather stays clear. Gerber reminded the Council of the goal setting sessions on June 18 and 19. He then mentioned the Library Board meeting and informed the Council that the Board discussed a metal building, partnering with the NCKTC though they do not like the location, and they received a resignation from Karen Pahls. The Board was looking for funds to help pay architect expenses and Gerber informed them the funds could come from the Olive Schaffer account. The Council agreed.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. Glen Elder Mayor Greg Linton and Council President Jeff Holling wanted to express their appreciation for the help they received from City crews after the storm last week.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the May 19, 2008 Special City Council Meeting, minutes from the May 20, 2008 City Council Meeting and Appropriations 6A. A motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Naasz to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Brown, Crowley, Foreman, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

Systems Operations requested bids for three reels of 2/0 T2 wire and received five bids. Councilor Foreman clarified that this wire is to have on hand/in stock. A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the bid from Kriz-Davis in the amount of \$14,12460. Motion carried 7-0.

The Transportation Department put bids out for a paint machine to replace the 15-year old machine they are currently using. Councilor Naasz made a motion to approve the bid from Ennis Paint, Inc. in the amount of \$4,095. The motion was seconded by Councilor Crowley. Motion carried 7-0.

The Chamber of Commerce requested a special event license for a beer garden at the sidewalk sale and dance



on July 25. Ruth Emerson and Jane Pruitt were present from the Chamber to answer questions. A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the special event license. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Shumate to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.

The work session began at 7:25 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Shumate, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Crowley and Foreman. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbien, Assistant to the City Administrator Thompson, and Youth Councilors Ellenz and Deneke. Councilor Maxwell was absent.

Department Head present was Littrell.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of the May Community Development report, Project Graduation thank you, and a Beloit Elementary School thank you.

Administrator Gerber let the Youth Councilors explain their tour of the Mill Street project at their last meeting. Gerber discussed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) that was received from the Bureau of Reclamation. The City received the MOU on Monday, June 2 and Gerber felt the Council needed to review it during work session so it could potentially be approved at the next Council meeting. Though the fees are non-negotiable, the Bureau of Reclamation will ensure the contract will abide by all federal and state laws. Shumate questioned whether this will make the pipeline more of a reality. Gerber informed him that it is a piece of the process, but the diversion point is the key issue and this contract does not address that issue.

Councilor Cousland brought up a concern that the Mayor had tried to change the signature cards at the banks to take the City Administrator's name off the City's accounts. The Mayor said it was a misunderstanding and she never meant to remove the City Administrator's name. Shumate followed up with questions to clarify the situation. The Council discussed the issue and Cousland suggested a checklist be made for newly elected officials so this type of confusion can be avoided in the future. Gerber and City Attorney Gantenbein suggested that the Council officially adopt the individuals—by title—that they would like to have on the City's bank accounts. The Council will consider this recommendation at the next City Council meeting. Gerber mentioned reviewing the hiring policy at the next meeting to avoid any uncertainty with that process.

The Council then toured the facilities at the Wastewater Plant.

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

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY STUDER, Deputy City Clerk