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## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 1, 2008**

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on July 1, 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, Denis Shumate, Craig Cousland, Rick Brown, Tom Naasz, Tom Maxwell, and James Crowley. Also present were City Administrator Doug Gerber, City Attorney Harry Gantenbein and Assistant to the City Administrator Stacy Thompson. Councilor Bill Foreman was absent.

Department heads in attendance were Murray McGee, Lloyd Littrell, Frank Gent, and Mike Haefelle.

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

Mayor Koster brought attention to the amended agenda. She reminded everyone to keep the Studer family in their prayers. Koster is honored to have been nominated to the League of Kansas Municipalities Nominating Committee. She also wanted to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July. Councilor Maxwell had concerns regarding a vehicle that has been parked in front of the Porter House for several days with flat tires. He believes two hour parking in front of the Porter House Coffee Shop needs to be explored.

City Administrator Gerber explained the reason for the amended agenda. Resolution 10-2008 needs to be readopted since it was not published correctly by the paper and the dates need to be reestablished. Kendall Francis was introduced as the new Water Plant Foreman.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. David Chase made comments.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the June 17, 2008 City Council Meeting, minutes of the June 18, 2008 Special City Council Meeting, and minutes of the June 19, 2008 Special City Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

Ordinance 2049 adopted, by reference, a new zoning code for the City of Beloit. The Planning Commission worked with the document to make it fit the needs of Beloit. Councilor Cousland wondered who is on the Planning Commission. The current members are Mike Cooper, Jeff Chrisman, Cheryl Renter, and Bob Peters with one vacancy. However, there were others on the Planning Commission in the past that worked on the zoning code. Councilor Struble made a motion to approve Ordinance 2049. Councilor Maxwell seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

Gerber explained Resolution 10-2008 needs to be readopted to set a new hearing date for property located at 611 W. 3rd because the Beloit Call did not get the last resolution published correctly. Councilor Maxwell made a motion to approve Resolution 10-2008 setting a public hearing on August 19, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Cousland seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeas: Shumate, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

Councilor Cousland made a motion to approve the job description for the Director of Finance/City Clerk. Councilor Crowley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Struble to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting ended at 7:12 p.m.

The work session began at 7:17 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Shumate, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Crowley, and Maxwell. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbein, and Assistant to the City Administrator Thompson. Councilor Foreman was absent.

Department Heads present were Haefelle and McGee.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of a Bike Across Kansas Thank You and a Chautauqua Festival Thank You.

City Attorney Gantenbein had nothing to report.



Administrator Gerber wanted to put rumors to rest by including the Thank You from the Chautauqua Festival for all the help the City provided for the event. He reminded the Council of the Civility and Public Service class the League is holding for anyone interested. With an internal hire for the Water Plant Foreman, there is a vacancy for a Water Plant Operator. A couple applications have already been received and the position will be advertised. The Police Department is doing background checks on two new applicants. Fourteen applications were received for the position of Director of Finance/City Clerk. The Director of Finance/City Clerk interview panel will meet after the City Council meeting to review applications. Gerber handed out a portion of the agreement the City has with the County regarding the generator at the Law Enforcement Center. The agreement states that the City will pay for half of a new generator. The Council thought it was best to honor the agreement even though the City was not included in the bid process. The bid they have received is for approximately \$70,000. Gerber then handed out a proposal for the City lots south of the Armory. Local contractor Mike Cooper would like to purchase the land and build a housing development. The Council discussed locations the ball fields could be moved to including the Sports Complex and Chautauqua Park. The Council would like to explore this option since housing is one of their goals. Staff will put together an ad for the paper and take proposals for the lots.

Retreat Facilitator John Divine was present to recap the goal setting sessions with the Council. The Council is still comfortable with the four goals they chose and agreed that the Governing Body as a whole would decide if changes to those goals needed to be made. The Goals are: that Beloit has the quality and quantity of water it needs, Council and staff relationships become one of respect and partnership, a joint venture of partners who would benefit from the new library be brought together to consider positive options for the future, and that affordable housing needs be developed for the long term good of the City. Staff will work on scenarios for each of the goals and Mr. Divine will be back to check in on the progress.

The Council reviewed the Neighborhood Revitalization Act. Gerber explained the program and McGee explained the proposed changes to the application. Cooper who has used the program many times expressed how beneficial he felt the program is for Beloit. The Council agreed the program is a positive economic development tool and would like to proceed with the process of approving the application at the upcoming meetings.

Gerber gave a power point presentation for the budget and budget process in anticipation of discussing the proposed 2009 budget at the next work session. Councilor Shumate questioned if there was a limit on how much a mil levy can be raised or lowered. Gerber explained that there is not a one time limit, but the Library has a cap at 6 mils. Councilor Maxwell commented on how much smoother the budget work sessions go compared to how they used to be.

The work session ended at 9:29 p.m.

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REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

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KERRY BENSON, Deputy City Clerk