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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on July 15, 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, 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 Denis Shumate was absent.

Department heads in attendance were Murray McGee, Jerry Blass, Caite Kendrick, Frank Gent, and Mike Haefelle.

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

Councilor Struble had concerns regarding kids on bikes in the traffic downtown. She would like the parents to talk to their children and the downtown shoppers to be aware of them. Councilor Crowley thanked the City crews for their manual labor in the heat of the summer.

City Administrator Gerber introduced Youth Councilors Cody Hanel and Grant Deneke. He also introduced Parks and Recreation Intern Kyle Emerson. Gerber reported that Mill Street is moving slowly because of the rain, but part of the 4th Street intersection is poured.

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

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the July 1, 2008 City Council Meeting, Appropriations 7A, Resolution 11-2008 Setting a Public Hearing for the Neighborhood Revitalization Act, Resolution 12-2008 Unfit Structure Hearing, and Fire Department Personnel. A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

Councilor Cousland made a motion to endorse the Mayor's appointment of Kerry Benson as the Director of Finance/City Clerk at Grade 28, Step 3. The motion was seconded by Councilor Naasz. Motion carried 7-0.

In June, Chief Gent and Sergeant Stocker gave a presentation to the Council on tasers. After the presentation, the Council seemed in favor of this alternative to deadly force. Councilor Maxwell commented that with tasers and the K-9 unit the word will get out that small towns are not a safe haven for criminals. Councilor Maxwell made a motion to approve the purchase of four X26E Tasers with Audio Video Recording System in an amount of \$6,298. Crowley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1. Councilor Brown voted no.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Crowley to recess into an executive session for Preliminary Consideration of Specific Personnel Matter of Non-Elected Personnel for a period of ten minutes. The session is to include the Governing Body, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Motion carried 7-0. The session began at 7:12 p.m. and ended at 7:22 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Brown to recess into an executive session for Attorney-Client Privileged Information for a period of ten minutes. The session is to include the Governing Body, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Motion carried 7-0. The session began at 7:25 p.m. and ended at 7:35 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to recess into an executive session for Preliminary Discussion Relating to the Acquisition of Real Property for a period of ten minutes. The session is to include the Governing Body, City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Motion carried 7-0. The session began at 7:38 p.m. and ended at 7:48 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7-0. The meeting ended at 7:49 p.m.

The work session began at 7:53 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Crowley, and Maxwell. Also in attendance were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbein, and Assistant to the City Administrator Thompson. Councilors Foreman and Shumate were absent.



Department Heads present were Lloyd Littrell, Haeffele, Kendrick, Blass, Gent, and McGee.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of the June Community Development Report, the May Police Department Report, a Prayer in Action Thank You, an Abram Thank You, and a Moritz Memorial Airport Update.

City Attorney Gantenbein had nothing to report.

Administrator Gerber reviewed the letter from HWS regarding the update at the airport. HWS will be contacting various parties in order to complete the environmental study. The deadline for the Water Plant Operator applications is Friday. Five applications have been received. The Police Department will conduct two interviews on July 25. After reviewing the Deputy City Clerk position, the position will be advertised. At the recent City Council goal-setting session, the Council discussed profiling each Council member in the newsletter. Therefore, Gerber handed out questionnaires for each of them to fill out and return. These profiles will also be used on the new website. Gerber also handed out a copy of a letter he received from the Kansas Rural Water Association. The letter highlights the discussion staff had with them regarding a pipeline to the lake. Gerber then asked the Council if they would like to receive copies of minutes from the Library Board meetings. Councilor Struble thought that would be helpful. The Council also requested copies of the minutes from the Planning Commission meetings.

The Council reviewed the proposed 2009 Working Budget and budget supplement. Councilor Naasz wondered if an item was listed in the Supplement that meant it was approved for next year. Gerber explained that the money would be allocated, but that each item still has to be approved by the Council next year. Councilor Crowley questioned why money was being proposed for a new building for the Parks and Recreation Department, but nothing was suggested for the pool. Gerber explained that to renovate the bathhouse at the pool would be more expensive and staff feels it should be part of a bigger plan. Crowley believes the pool is a safety concern and the Council needs to look at putting money in the budget to address it. The Council will formally address the proposed 2009 budget at a future meeting.

The work session ended at 9:49 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY BENSON, City Clerk