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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on September 2, 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, Denis Shumate and James Crowley. Also present were City Administrator Doug Gerber, City Attorney Harry Gantenbein and Director of Finance/City Clerk Kerry Benson.

Department heads in attendance were Stacy Thompson, Frank Gent, Jerry Blass, and Mike Haeffele.

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

Mayor Koster said she was glad the rain came now that the Mill Street project is done. She complimented the crews for their work on the project.

Councilor Struble commented that it was very nice to have a truly beautiful downtown. The downtown merchants appreciate it. Councilor Foreman remarked that the railroad tracks on South Hersey Avenue seemed to be somewhat better. Councilor Shumate mentioned the Mill Street project as well as Hersey Avenue and how those two projects reinforce the values of the former city leaders and taxpayers for having confidence in the city. Shumate also remarked about the unfortunate circumstances occurring regarding a variance denial on Chestnut Street as Beloit needs the housing. He would like to see staff work with the Mr. Hollerich to get the situation moving forward.

City Administrator Gerber introduced Youth Councilor Rachel Waddell. He said that staff was planning to meet with Farmway Co-op regarding the Cottonwood Street construction plans on Friday. Mr. Gerber indicated that staff would try to work with the property owner on Chestnut to continue the project.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. Rod Pearson mentioned that there are a few speed limit signs covered by tree branches and would like to see the branches trimmed. Staff will make sure this gets done.

Mayor Koster opened the public hearing addressing the unfit structure located at 114 E Main Street. The hearing started at 7:10 and ended at 7:11. There were no comments.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the August 19, 2008 City Council Meeting, and Appropriations 9A. A motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Shumate, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

A recommendation has been made to adopt Resolution 19-2008 directing the structure at 114 E. Main Street be repaired, removed or demolished and the premises made safe and secure. A motion was made by Maxwell seconded by Shumate to approve Resolution 19-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Maxwell, Brown, Crowley, Naasz, Shumate and Cousland. Nays: None.

Bids were recently requested for CRS-1h asphalt emulsion oil. A recommendation has been made to accept the only bid from Vance Brothers in the amount of \$2.93 per gallon. A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Shumate to accept the bid. Motion carried 8-0.

The Beloit Eagles requested a special event license for a beer garden at the Eagles car show. A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the special event license. Motion carried 7-1.

The League of Kansas Municipalities requested the City register voting delegates and alternates for their upcoming annual conference. Councilor Maxwell and Councilor Shumate volunteered to be the voting delegates and Councilors Crowley and Cousland volunteered to be alternates. Councilor Struble made the motion and it was seconded by Councilor Brown. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Maxwell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting ended at 7:24 p.m.



The work session began at 7:35 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Foreman, Shumate, Crowley and Maxwell. Also present were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbein and Finance Director/City Clerk Benson.

Department Heads present were Thompson and Blass.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of a letter from Kyle Railroad and a thank you from the City of Chapman.

City Attorney Gantenbein had nothing to report.

Administrator Gerber referenced the letter in the agenda packet from Kyle Railroad indicating their promises to complete additional railroad work in the near future. Mr. Gerber updated the council on the recent job openings in administration and the water plant. Amanda Lomax has been hired as the Deputy City Clerk and Scott Evans as a Water Plant Operator. He reminded the council that Arts in the Park starts on Friday and flag football on Saturday. Gerber mentioned that there are over 100 kids participating in flag football, including players from the surrounding communities of Tipton, Glasco, Jewell and Mankato. The subject of a potential sidewalk on Bell Street from 13th to 15th Street was discussed. The Council thought it would be worth looking into and directed staff to see if they could partner with USD #273. Staff will also look into the Safe Routes for School grant. Mr. Gerber indicated that the parking in front of the Porter House has become an issue. Mr. Gantenbein will draft an ordinance addressing the parking with a potential two hour parking limit for the area.

The council reviewed different utility rate scenarios as well as previous utility rate ordinances. It was the consensus of the Council that any increase should reflect changes in both the base rate and the usage rate. They also concurred that the cost adjustment factor should be retained. The Council would like staff to set a policy referencing the intent of increasing the rates was to set the monies aside in a reserve fund and used solely for each utility, prioritizing the needs and reviewing annually. The new ordinance will be modernized by staff and presented at a future meeting.

The final draft of the KMEA Resolution and Power Purchase Agreement for EMP2 Cities participating in the MKEC Baseload Power Supply was reviewed. The agreement spells out that Beloit will receive 2.1 mW of power through December 2009 and .9 mW of power after that. The resolution will be presented at the second meeting in September for approval.

An evaluation form for the city administrator was included for review. Mr. Gerber indicated that it is similar to what is used city wide. The council will individually evaluate Administrator Gerber, discuss the evaluations at the next council meeting and then present him with one final evaluation.

The work session ended at 8:38 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY BENSON, Director of Finance/City Clerk