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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on September 16, 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, and Tom Naasz. Also present were City Administrator Doug Gerber, City Attorney Harry Gantenbein and Director of Finance/City Clerk Kerry Benson. Councilors Shumate, Maxwell and Crowley were absent.

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

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

Mayor Koster said she received an invitation from Wilson & Company for a social hour and dinner on Sunday, October 12 at the League of Kansas Municipalities Meeting. She was contacted by John Kohler, representing the Eagles, asking if they could store their stage unit at the airport. Rick Brown suggested that the Fair Board be contacted as they have room at the fairgrounds.

Councilor Struble thanked the Eagles for a wonderful car show and also Rick Brown for his work with the show. Councilor Brown thanked all who were involved with the Eagles car show. He also thanked the school district on behalf of the Fair Board for the use of their parking lot during the fair.

City Administrator Gerber introduced Youth Councilors Cody Hanel and Brad Ellenz. He also introduced two new employees, Scott Evans, Water Plant Operator and Mandy Lomax, Deputy City Clerk.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. Jere Urbin started to address the council regarding the unfit structure located at 128 Roosevelt Drive. Mayor Koster informed Mr. Urbin that the subject matter was on the agenda and it would be discussed at that time. David Chase inquired as to when the Council will be addressing city policies. He also asked the council to please consider the mitigation plan.

Mayor Koster opened the public hearing addressing the unfit structure located at 128 Roosevelt Drive. Jere Urbin drafted a letter on behalf of the property owner, Whitney Haigh with an itemized list of intentions for the aforementioned property. Ms. Haigh inquired about an extension of time to complete the project. She also

inquired about the demolition reimbursement funds the city has available. Chris Jones will inform her of the demolition program and develop a checklist to be monitored on a monthly basis. The hearing started at 7:14 and ended at 7:21.

Mayor Koster opened the public hearing addressing the unfit structure located at 606 N. Sturgis Street. Representatives of the family were present to inform the council that they are still trying to contact all family members. They are in the process of obtaining bids to remodel the structure. The family will keep in touch with Chris Jones as to the progress of the structure. The hearing started at 7:22 p.m. and ended at 7:24 p.m.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the September 2, 2008 City Council Meeting and Appropriations 9B. A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

A recommendation has been made to approve Ordinance No. 2055 adopting new water and wastewater utility rates. A motion was made by Struble seconded by Brown to approve Ordinance No. 2055. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, and Cousland. Nays: None.

Resolution No. 20-2008 KMEA Agreement was presented for approval. Councilor Cousland asked if the city were to need a greater percentage of electricity is it possible. Mr. Gerber indicated the contract could be changed and other options are also available. A motion was made by Cousland and seconded by Struble to approve Resolution No. 20-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz and Cousland. Nays: None.

A recommendation has been made to adopt Resolution 21-2008 directing the structure at 606 N Sturgis be repaired, removed or demolished and the premises made safe and secure. Section 2 will reflect a time frame of ninety (90) days from the date of publication. A motion was made by Struble seconded by Cousland to approve Resolution 21-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, and Cousland. Nays: None.

A recommendation has been made to adopt Resolution 22-2008 directing the structure at 128 Roosevelt Drive be repaired, removed or demolished and the premises made safe and secure. Section 2 will reflect a time frame



of ninety (90) days from the date of publication. A motion was made by Naasz seconded by Foreman to approve Resolution 22-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, and Cousland. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Brown 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 5-0. 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 5-0. The meeting ended at 7:51 p.m.

The work session began at 8:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, and Foreman. Also present were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbein and Finance Director/City Clerk Benson.

Department Heads present were Thompson, McGee and Blass.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of the August Community Development Report, the August Police Reports, the August Library Board Minutes and a 2008 Pool Report.

City Attorney Gantenbein had nothing to report.

Administrator Gerber reminded the Governing Body of the upcoming annual League of Kansas Municipalities meeting October 12-14 in Wichita. Mr. Gerber indicated that the entertainment for the Arts in the Park on Friday would be the BHS orchestra. He asked that the Councilors stay after the meeting to have their pictures taken for the new website. Gerber and Littrell met with the Bureau of Reclamation to discuss the status of the water storage contract. The contract is held up in Washington, D.C. and may not be ready until after the first of the year. Administrator Gerber distributed correspondence that he received from the owner of 114 E. Main Street. An update on the recent Youth Council meeting was given by Brad Ellenz. He said he they will host a mock election for both schools for the presidential election. They will have a haunted house for those 11 and under for Halloween. The Youth Council also toured the Wastewater Plant. Gerber congratulated Cody Hanel on the football sports write up in the Salina Journal.

Ron Wilson, Director of the Huck Boyd Institute for Rural Development at Kansas State, gave a presentation of the First Impressions Report of Beloit. This program has people come into communities unannounced and meet with randomly chosen citizens at various times to get a first impression the community. Mr. Wilson said that

the representatives of the city will be asked to provide a payback visit to other communities. The report had many positive comments as well as suggestions for some areas that need improvements.

Municipal Court Judge Bonnie Wilson provided the council with an overview of the Municipal Court explaining the court responsibilities and procedures of the court. Included were a variety of documents and forms used by the municipal court. City Attorney Gantenbein thanked Judge Wilson, Court Clerk Brianne Heiman and his secretary, Edith Hulett. He said they spend a great deal of time with court issues and have made his job easier. Mr. Gerber reviewed a copy of potential airport projects. The city annually receives \$150,000 in entitlement funds from the FAA. The city can bank up to \$600,000 of these funds. We now have approximately \$88,000 available to "use or lose" at the airport. If a project is chosen, the FAA will pay for 95% (using the \$88,000) and leave the City to cover the other 5%. A project needs to be identified and plans submitted to the FAA within a month. Councilor Naasz suggested that staff solicit input from airport users and then pursue a project.

The building rental policy was tabled for a future agenda.

A meeting regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan for Mitchell County was attended by Mayor Koster, Administrator Gerber and Assistant to the Administrator Thompson. As part of the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, jurisdictions are required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place. Mitchell County is working on a plan under a grant from FEMA. Sub-jurisdictions in Mitchell County, like the City of Beloit, are eligible to be included in this plan at no cost. "Hazard Mitigation" is a technical term for reducing risks to people and property from natural hazards. It is required for local governments to maintain eligibility for certain federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funding programs. The city will request that the planning agency that creates the county's plan also create the city's plan. The plan is created for the entity and can be updated at any time with a suggested comprehensive review every 5 years. The Council will consider formal participation in the plan at a future meeting.

The work session ended at 9:34 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY BENSON, Director of Finance/City Clerk