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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, October 7, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on October 7, 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, Denis Shumate, Tom Maxwell, James Crowley and Tom Naasz. 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, Murray McGee, Caite Kendrick and Mike Haeffele.

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

Mayor Koster requested a moment of silence in honor of former City Clerk George Colby. She commented that George not only impacted the city but the community as well and he will be missed. She also reminded the governing body of the upcoming annual League of Kansas Municipalities meeting on October 12, 13 and 14 in Wichita.

Councilor Struble also shared her condolences to the George Colby family. She remembers George as a respectable person and will always remember him as Santa Claus. Struble thanked the Beloit Greenhouse staff and the Allen family for continuing the tradition of placing the mums around town. Councilor Maxwell reminded those in attendance that the Veteran's Day parade would be on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a variety of bands along with many other entries in the parade.

City Administrator Gerber introduced Youth Councilor Jessica Hake. He explained the reason for the larger binders for the agenda packets. Mr. Gerber pointed out that he dispersed an informational memo to the councilors who would be attending the LKM annual conference. He informed them of the North Central Regional Planning Commission's regional banquet in Linn on October 28. The speaker will be Trent Loos. He welcomed both the Youth Council and Governing Body to attend. There will be a public meeting on October 15, at 1:30 p.m. in the First National Bank community room with the Bureau of Reclamation. Mr. Gerber appreciated the comments regarding George Colby. Mr. Colby was a member of the council when Administrator Gerber was first hired for the City of Beloit.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. Archie Thompson was present to update the council on the progress at 606 N Sturgis and ask for an extension of time to present a plan to the council. Chris Jones will be working with him. Beloit Elementary School principal Byron Marshall thanked Chief Gent for his help and cooperation in preparing for an excavation drill to be held on Thursday. He also expressed his support for the sidewalk extension on Bell Street from 12th to 15th Street and asked the council to consider the project in the future. David Chase expressed a concern regarding the political signs that are posted in the various areas of town.

Mayor Koster opened the public hearing addressing the unfit structure located at 117 W. Main Street. Ron Boden, owner, was present to discuss his plan for the building and answer questions. He indicated that there were a couple of businesses interested in the building. He is working with an engineer to make repairs on the roof at the present time. Mr. Boden indicated he would submit a written plan to staff by October 21 as stated in the resolution. The hearing started at 7:15 and ended at 7:28.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the September 16, 2008 City Council Meeting and Appropriations 10A. 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, Brown, Naasz, Shumate, Maxwell, Crowley and Cousland. Nays: None.

The electric rate ordinance was discussed. Councilor Bill Foreman commented on the fact that he would still like to see a financial policy brought back for consideration in the future as to assure that the additional revenue received from the rate increases will be appropriated properly. A motion was made by Cousland seconded by Struble to approve Ordinance No. 2056 adopting electric rates. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, Shumate, Crowley, Maxwell and Cousland. Nays: None.

Resolution No. 23-2008 authorizing E-Fm Consulting, LLC to develop a mitigation plan was presented for approval. Mitchell County is working on a plan under a grant from FEMA. Sub-jurisdictions in Mitchell County, such as the City of Beloit, are eligible to be included in this plan at no cost. A motion was made by Naasz



and seconded by Crowley to approve Resolution No. 23-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, Shumate, Crowley, Maxwell and Cousland. Nays: None.

A recommendation has been made to adopt Resolution 24-2008 directing the structure at 117 W. Main Street be repaired, removed or demolished and the premises made safe and secure. A motion was made by Foreman seconded by Struble to approve Resolution 24-2008. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, Shumate, Crowley, Maxwell and Cousland. Nays: None.

A land proposal contract for the purchase of the lot located south of the System Operations Building and the Armory by Mike Cooper was brought to the Council for consideration. The council has expressed a strong interest in addressing the housing shortage and has made this a goal of their 2008 retreat. Dennis Stewart, a concerned neighbor, is opposed to the project as he would like to see it remain same or develop the property into a public park. He, as well as neighbor Darwin Bouray, informed the council that the drainage in the area is inadequate. They are uneasy with the project as it would add to the drainage problem. Administrator Gerber assured them that those issues are being addressed and will continue to be monitored. A motion was made by Shumate and seconded by Cousland to approve the contract for the purchase of land with Mike Cooper. Motion carried 7-1; Councilor Brown voted no.

Staff is recommending that the council approve the pool sandblasting bid from J & M Home Improvement in the amount of \$6,000.00. A motion was made by Struble seconded by Shumate to accept the bid. Motion carried 8-0.

A recommendation was made to accept the bid for transformers from Wesco in the amount of \$57,865.00. These transformers will be used for the K-14 project, the expansion projects at Sunflower Manufacturing and the Co-op Elevator. A motion was made by Naasz and seconded by Maxwell to accept the bid from Wesco. Motion carried 8-0.

Bids were taken for the purchase of a box pad. These box pads will be for the transformers. Staff is recommending the bid from GrayBar Electric in the amount of \$10,737.85. A motion was made by Maxwell seconded by Crowley to approve the bid from GrayBar Electric. Motion carried.

Server bids were taken for the purchase of a new server at the police department. It is recommended that the council approve the bid from Computer Solutions in the amount of \$5,850.00. A motion was made by Cousland, seconded by Maxwell to approve the server bid from Computer Solutions. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble 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, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Motion carried 8-0. The session began at 8:03 p.m. and ended at 8:13 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Foreman and seconded by Councilor Struble 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, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney. Motion carried 8-0. The session began at 8:17 p.m. and ended at 8:27 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

The council took a five minute break.

A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Shumate 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 8-0. The session began at 8:37 p.m. and ended at 8:47 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Struble and seconded by Councilor Shumate to recess into an executive session for Preliminary Consideration of Specific Personnel Matter of Non-Elected Personnel for a period of sixty minutes. The session is to include the Governing Body, the City Administrator, and the City Attorney for the first twenty minutes. The remaining forty minutes will be with the Governing Body and City Attorney only. Motion carried 8-0. The session began at 8:50 p.m. and ended at 9:50 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Cousland and seconded by Councilor Shumate to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting ended at 9:54 p.m.

There was no work session.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY BENSON, Director of Finance/City Clerk