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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, November 4, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on November 4, 2008 in the Council Chambers. Council President Craig Cousland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. City Council members in attendance were Pat Struble, Rick Brown, Denis Shumate, Tom Naasz, and James Crowley. Also present was City Administrator Doug Gerber. Mayor Rebecca Koster, Councilor Bill Foreman, Councilor Tom Maxwell, and City Attorney Harry Gantenbein were absent.

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

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

Councilor Cousland asked for Council reports. There were none.

City Administrator Doug Gerber noted that it was Election Day and that he would be checking election results later in the meeting. Gerber asked that a couple agenda items be removed from the work session agenda since 3 Governing Body members were absent. Finally, Gerber presented Director of Systems Operations Jerry Blass a plaque and ring for 40 years of service to the City. Jerry started employment with the City in November 1968.

Councilor Cousland asked for comments from the public. David Chase had comments about the Kansas Open Meetings Act and a potential formal complaint against Mike Cooper.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the October 21, 2008 City Council Meeting and Appropriations 11A. A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Crowley to approve Appropriations 11A and revise October 21st minutes to correct David Chase's clarification. Roll call vote: Yeas: Crowley, Brown, Naasz, Struble, Cousland, and Shumate. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Shumate and seconded by Councilor Naasz for the approval of the long-term water storage contract with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. The contract will provide 2,000 acre-feet of storage for the City of Beloit at a price of \$9.20/acre-foot. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Naasz and seconded by Councilor Struble to grant a bid waiver and purchase a Lime Slaker from Merrick Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$82,202. Councilor Shumate asked if there was a precedent to grant a bid waiver for such a large purchase. Gerber answered no, but staff felt that the timing of the issue made it appropriate in this particular case. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Shumate 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 five minutes. The session included the Governing Body and the City Administrator. Motion carried 6-0. The session began at 7:24 p.m. and ended at 7:29 p.m. No motions or decisions were made.

A motion was made by Councilor Naasz and seconded by Councilor Brown to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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

Department Heads present were Kendrick and McGee.

Correspondence and Staff reports consisted of Moritz Memorial Airport information and the October Library Board minutes.

City Administrator Gerber updated the Council on the Federal Aviation Association's (FAA) schedule for extending the runway. The project has been moved to 2012. Shumate questioned the funding ratio for FAA projects. Gerber explained that the FAA portion of the project will be 95% and the City will pay for the other 5%. The Council also discussed putting together an Airport Advisory Board to help answer questions and plan for future improvements. The Board could consist of the Fixed Base Operator, staff, and airport users. Gerber informed the Council that the Red Flag notification for municipal utilities has been delayed until next spring. He mentioned that a note and \$100 was left in the City's drop box from an anonymous donor. The note suggested that the money to be applied to someone's account that needs help with their utility bill. Gerber



proposed to observe all-day Friday, December 26 as part of the Christmas holiday this year instead of working half a day on Wednesday, December 24. The Council thought this was a good idea. In December, staff would like to discuss the future quality and quantity of the City's water supply. In order to educate the Council prior to these discussions, staff will schedule a water tour during an upcoming work session. Finally, Gerber and Kendrick discussed roof repair options for portion of the Municipal Building roof above the Economy Shop. Staff is checking the warranty on the current roof which is only 10 years old.

Mitchell County Community Development Director Murray McGee discussed establishing a fund to assist in economic development projects with Solomon Valley Economic Development (SVED). The purpose of the fund would be to have funds available to offer incentives and encourage new businesses to come to Beloit. McGee noted that most cities have a similar fund. The Council will consider adoption of a formal agreement at the next meeting.

Doug McKinney, Director of the North Central Kansas Regional Planning Commission, was present to discuss the Walking Trail. He reviewed the application process. Kendrick presented the Council with a map of the location of the trail. Gerber said the Mitchell County Fair Board and USD 273 have both verbally said they are supportive of the concept of the walking trail. The Council was supportive and will consider adoption of a resolution of support at the next meeting.

The Council then discussed the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference. Those who attended felt the conference had good information and shared that information with the entire group.

The work session ended 8:40 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMANDA LOMAX, Deputy City Clerk