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CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on December 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, James Crowley, Rick Brown, Denis Shumate, Tom Maxwell, 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, Caite Kendrick and Lloyd Littrell.

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

Mayor Koster made a statement in support of volunteer positions. She indicated that the Planning Commission was one member short and she would not ask Mike Cooper or anyone else to step down from a volunteer position as these positions are hard to fill. She thanked all those that volunteer their time to serve the city. Mayor Koster reported that there would be a 911 meeting on December 9.

Councilors Struble, Maxwell, Crowley, Cousland, Naasz, Shumate and Foreman all agreed with Mayor Koster on her statement of support for volunteers. Councilor Foreman expanded on the statement to include all volunteers in the community and how important they are to what happens in Beloit. Councilor Struble commented about the downtown and how nice it looks for the holidays. She also thanked Murray McGee and the Chamber for their holiday promotions and getting people to shop Beloit. Maxwell also remarked about the beauty of downtown. Crowley mentioned the meeting about the Library grant and the fact that it was a good meeting. Tom Naasz commended Mike Cooper for the work he has done on the Planning Commission and also all volunteers for the city.

City Attorney Gantenbein also mentioned the beauty of the city during the holiday season, especially downtown.

City Administrator Gerber expressed his appreciation to Nathalie Wessling, Mandy Lomax and Kerry Benson for decorating the Municipal Building for the holidays. He indicated that there were two handouts for the Councilors, a bill from Mitchell County for services rendered and a copy of the Kansas Government Journal. Mr. Gerber indicated

that there has been high interest in the airport advisory board. Caite Kendrick will give a presentation on cemetery software during the work session. Lloyd Littrell will give an introduction prior to the water plant tour.

Mayor Koster asked for comments from the public. Rod Pearson addressed the council with the thought of establishing a phone number for inquiries regarding the Isle of Lights. Mike Cooper thanked the council for recognizing that volunteers are important and appreciated.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the November 18, 2008 City Council Meeting and Appropriations 12A. A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Struble to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Roll call vote: Yeas: Foreman, Struble, Brown, Naasz, Shumate, Maxwell, Crowley and Cousland. Nays: None.

Staff recommended that the Council approve the roofing bid from Geisler Roofing in the amount of \$19,800. The type of roof they are recommending is a Duro-Last roof. This type of roof has a 15 year manufacturer's warranty and a Duro-Last Inspector will physically check the roof after it is completed. The portion of the roof being replaced is above the Economy Shop. A motion was made by Naasz and seconded by Maxwell to approve the bid of \$19,800 from Geisler Roofing. Motion carried 8-0.

A motion was made by Councilor Maxwell and seconded by Councilor Struble to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

The work session began at 7:19 p.m. Present were Mayor Koster, Councilors Struble, Brown, Cousland, Naasz, Shumate, Crowley, Maxwell, and Foreman. Also present were City Administrator Gerber, City Attorney Gantenbein and Director of Finance/City Clerk Benson.

Department Heads present were Thompson, Littrell and Kendrick.

City Attorney Gantenbein reported that Brenon Odle, originally from Beloit and currently living in Wichita, will be joining his practice the first of the year. He indicated that Brenon is currently in the Secret Service and will bring a lot of experience to the law firm.



Administrator Gerber welcomed the Council help work the Isle of Lights when the City hosts on December 13. Mr. Gerber echoed Councilor Crowley's comment on the meeting with representatives from the Library and the Regional Planning commission. The meeting was very positive with many new ideas mentioned emphasizing increased technology awareness. Administrator Gerber introduced Youth Councilor Brad Ellenz. Mr. Ellenz reported that the current Youth Councilors will extend their term to March.

Caite Kendrick gave a presentation on the current cemetery recording keeping system and the fact that it is antiquated and not user friendly. They are currently exploring different options to update the record keeping procedures. This will allow the cemetery to run more efficiently. The company that staff is looking at will be of valuable help to staff with staff entering the records while under and guidance of company representatives. Caite indicated that cemetery policies will have to be revised and created. Mr. Gantenbein advised that staff should solicit the help of local funeral home directors and representatives from Bell Memorials. He also advised that before land is acquired, policies need to be in place.

Lloyd Littrell gave the Council a brief overview of water plant facts prior to the tour of the plant. The Council then toured the Water Plant.

The work session ended at 9:45 p.m.

REBECCA J. KOSTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

KERRY BENSON, Director of Finance/City Clerk