

BELOIT CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 21, 2021

The Beloit City Council met in regular session on July 21, 2021 in the Council Chambers. Mayor Tom Naasz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Todd Adolph, Tony Gengler, Matt Otte, Lee McMillan, Andrew Grabon. Also, present was City Attorney Katie Schroeder, City Manager Jason Rabe, and City Clerk Amanda Lomax. Absent from the meeting was Councilor Jamie Meier.

Department heads in attendance were Heather Hartman and Jim Bentz

Mayor Tom Naasz gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Manager Jason Rabe reported on the following:

1. Solar Project Update – working on interconnection of solar power to hook into our system. The construction is expected to begin in September and be completed by January.
2. North Walnut Update – Spoke with Bruce Kimmel with Ehlers and discussed bond issuance timeline. Schwab-Eaton is done with most of the surveying and plan to bid the job in December.
3. South Highway 14 local bid went out last week.

Community Director Heather Hartman gave her report to Council. Prayer and Action is in town, The Destination Boot Camp speaker will be in town, and there will be a landbank presentation in Jewell.

Engineers with Schwab-Eaton and Tetra-Tech did an online presentation on the progress of the water treatment plant design.

A motion was made by Councilor McMillan and seconded by Councilor Adolph to approve the July 7, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes, and Appropriations 7B in its entirety. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Grabon and seconded by Councilor Gengler to approve the fully funded health and dental insurance in an approximate amount of \$1,118,494.00 from Blue Cross Blue Shield. I also recommend that the Council maintain the starting employer rate of 83% and employee contribution rate at 17% for the Comprehensive Major Medical, and employer of 94% and employee contribution rate at 6% for the High Deductible insurance plan. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Gengler and seconded by Councilor McMillan to approve the requested Chautauqua Park Closure for Prairie Winnies on August 12th – 14th, 2021. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Adolph and seconded by Councilor McMillan to approve the Special Event Request from the Millapalooza Committee for September 11, 2021. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Grabon and seconded by Councilor Otte to approve the Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2022 Budget. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

Mayor Naasz excused himself from the meeting and turned the meeting over to Council President Andrew Grabon.

A motion was made by Councilor McMillan and seconded by Councilor Adolph to approve the quote from Heineken Electric for LED Lighting for the Cookie Ballfield in the amount of \$39,900.00. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Otte and seconded by Councilor McMillan to approve the Demolition Bid for the property located at 214 N Mill for \$8,500.00 and 414 N Mill for \$8,800.00 from C4 Construction LLC. The City will pay the landfill fees. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor Grabon and seconded by Councilor McMillan to approve to pay the lump sum amount of \$347,914.20 for the GRDA power contract adverse weather event cost. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Councilor McMillan and seconded by Councilor Adolph to approve the Closed Session for the purpose of preliminary discussion of the acquisition of real property pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(6), for a period of 10 minutes. The open meeting will resume at the end of the executive session. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None. Time started 8:28 p.m. and ended 8:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilor McMillan and seconded by Councilor Gengler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Nays: None. The meeting ended at 8:38 p.m.

Work Session began at 8:38 p.m. Council Members in attendance were Todd Adolph, Tony Gengler, Matt Otte, Lee McMillan, Andrew Grabon. Also, present was City Attorney Katie Schroeder, City Manager Jason Rabe, and City Clerk Amanda Lomax. Absent from the meeting was Councilor Jamie Meier.

Department heads in attendance was Heather Hartman.

City Manager Jason Rabe discussed the petition for the elimination of truck route on Elm Street that Mayor Naasz received from concerned citizens.

City Manager Jason Rabe discussed the process of getting more permanent load pads at the Mortiz Memorial Airport.

City Manager Jason Rabe and City Attorney Katie Schroeder proposed a draft RFP for solid waste 5-year contract.

Work session ended 9:07 p.m.

TOM NAASZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

AMANDA LOMAX, City Clerk