

Belle Plaine, Iowa

April 5, 2023

The Belle Plaine City Council met on April 5, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers with Mayor Dave Fish presiding. Present: Judy Schlesselman, Garrett Landuyt, Mary Pech, and Lyle Morrow. Mitch Malcolm was absent. Also present: City Administrator Stephen Beck and City Clerk Sandy Walton. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Schlesselman, seconded by Morrow to approve the Consent Agenda, Council Minutes of March 15, 2023, receiving & filing of minutes from the March 28, 2023 Belle Plaine Community Library Board of Trustees meeting and bills received. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Resident Comments: None.

At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Fish opened the public hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget of the City of Belle Plaine, Iowa. With no comments from either the public or the council, the public hearing was closed at 6:36 p.m.

Motion by Landuyt, seconded by Pech to approve Resolution #23-04-02; a resolution to approve the City of Belle Plaine Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

There was no report from Belle Plaine Community Development.

Todd Happel and Jacob Sprengeler from Anderson Bogert were present to answer any questions regarding the HAWK System plans. Motion by Morrow, seconded by Schlesselman to approve the proposal from Anderson Bogert for Development Plans for the HAWK System traffic signals. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

RFPs received for solid waste and recycling were discussed. All contractors that were present spoke at the request of the council. Motion by Pech, seconded by Morrow to award the 5-year solid waste/recycling contract to Serious Sanitation from Dysart, Iowa beginning 7/1/23. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Schlesselman, seconded by Landuyt to approve Resolution #23-04-01; a resolution establishing Catalyst Grant and CDBG-DR Grant Project Funds. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Morrow, seconded by Pech to approve Resolution #23-04-03; a resolution proposing to dispose of real property and publishing a notice of public hearing for 1402 2nd Avenue set for May 3, 2023. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Landuyt, seconded by Schlesselman to approve Resolution #23-04-04; a resolution approving transfer of funds in FY2023. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Landuyt, seconded by Morrow to approve Resolution #23-04-05; a resolution allowing for the police chief to be paid overtime for GTSB traffic enforcement. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Motion by Morrow, seconded by Pech to approve Resolution #23-04-06; a resolution on setting a public hearing on delinquent animal licenses for May 3, 2023. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried.

Committee of the Whole: None

Steve Beck, City Administrator, reported that city wells are holding steady. He has been looking into grants for wetland creation/restoration at the well fields. He presented a quote for a production test well to the city council for their review. They would check for quantity as well as quality in a test area south of well #4. With all the efforts by the city team at finding and fixing leaks, our pumping rate is at the lowest it has been. He has spent time preparing for severe weather possibilities over the recent storms in the area that thankfully missed us. We have had meetings with Alliant and others over the natural gas build-out that will occur this summer. We are still waiting for our FEMA hearings which are scheduled in May. We need to close 10th Avenue near the old bus barn due to the safety hazard that the collapsing culvert is presenting. Steve also gave an update on the status of the Herring Hotel demolition and the steps that still need to take place before we can start that project.

The Mayor reported on ECICOG and Benton County Landfill meetings recently attended. He has also been re-elected as president of BDG.

Correspondence: None

Old Business: None

Resident Comments: Mary Preston gave an update on Preston's Station progress. She has submitted a proposal for funding to the Lincoln Highway Association and will be sending out other solicitations in April and again in October. She is planning to have the storage container moved before RAGBRAI comes through in July.

Motion by Landuyt, seconded by Morrow to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote, all voted aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

David R Fish, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sandra Walton, City Clerk

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