

Belle Plaine, Iowa
December 4, 2024

The Belle Plaine City Council met on December 4, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Belle Plaine City Hall with Mayor Lyle Morrow presiding. Present were Councilpersons Garrett Landuyt, Judy Schlesselman, Mitch Malcolm, Charmaine Wickwire, and Dillion McGrane. City Clerk Sandy Walton was also present. City Administrator Stephen Beck was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by McGrane, seconded by Landuyt to approve the Consent Agenda, Council Minutes of November 20th, receiving & filing of the minutes from the October 22nd meeting of the Belle Plaine Community Library Board of Trustees, and bills received. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried 5-0.

Resident Comments: Heather Sallee of Breathe at 807 12th Street asked if any progress had been made contacting the owner of the vacant building next to them regarding the water problem. Mayor Morrow will inquire with Steve on status. She also asked about any regulations on outside signs. We will pull the Sign Regulations from the Code of Ordinances and get them to her.

Kate Robertson with the Benton Development Group presented two options for the city to choose from to apply for a \$100,000 Catalyst Grant (the King Theater or The Greens). Motion by McGrane, seconded by Landuyt, to select the King Theater for this coming year's application. On roll call vote, McGrane, Landuyt, and Malcolm voted aye, Schlesselman and Wickwire voted nay, motion carried 3-2. The council felt these were two very good candidates and found the decision extremely difficult.

Motion by McGrane, seconded by Malcolm to approve a Sewer Forgiveness credit of \$789.34 due to a leak at 1525 Rainbow Drive. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried 5-0.

Mindy Atkinson and Amber Hoover gave the BPCDC quarterly report. Holiday Homecoming went well with Shop Small Saturday, pop up shops, Santa's Workshop, the King Theater and the Lighted Parade. They are interviewing a new director. Their Annual Meeting will be held January 22nd at 6:30pm at the museum.

Motion by Wickwire, seconded by Landuyt to approve awarding the fire department generator bid and having Mayor Morrow sign the contract with Nelson Electric for the Kohler generator at \$61,850. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Landuyt, seconded by Malcolm to approve Resolution #24-12-01; a resolution to approve payment under CDBG Contract #20-DRH-014 to Iowa Main Street Investments LLC for General Accounting Expenditure (GAX 13) in the amount of \$59,527.61. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Wickwire, seconded by Landuyt to approve Final Pay Application #4 for Retainage to Garling Construction, Inc. for the Franklin Park Restroom Project in the amount of \$6,774.92. On roll call vote, all voted aye, motion carried 5-0.

A tentative budget schedule was reviewed with the council. A Budget Workshop will be held on January 29, 2025, at 6:30pm.

City Administrator, Steve Beck, was absent. The city clerk read an update from Fehr Graham on the water project.

Mayor Morrow has attended the landfill meeting. He also asked the council to reset the first January council meeting since the first Wednesday is a holiday. Meeting will be held on Friday, January 3, 2025, at 6:30pm

Correspondence: A donation from BP Investment Corp was shared with the council.

Old Business: Revised service line warranty documents were reviewed and approved.

Resident Comments: None

Committee of the Whole: None

Motion by Landuyt, seconded by Schlesselman to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye, motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Lyle Morrow, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sandra Walton, City Clerk

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