

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 7, 2008**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Meger led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.**

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Government Center, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Tom Meger called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Tim Lies, Dawn Underferth, Tim O'Laughlin, Jim Lange and Peter Anderly present.

Also present were City Administrator David Murphy, Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey, City Engineer Joe Duncan and City Attorney Bob Vose.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Mayor Meger requested the addition of agenda item 5.6., Ambulance Report, Update by Doug Sweeney, Manager, Ridgeview Medical Transportation.

MOTION by Councilmember O'Laughlin, second by Councilmember Underferth, to approve the agenda with the addition of agenda item 5.6., Ambulance Department Report, Update by Doug Sweeney, Manager, Ridgeview Medical Transportation. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.**

- 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 17, 2007.**
- 4.2. Resolution 08-001 Adoption of Official and Professional Appointments.**
- 4.3. Resolution 08-002 Adopting Committee Appointments.**
- 4.4. Resolution 08-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit.**
- 4.5. Resolution 08-004 Appointing Police Chief Steve Rost as Temporary Acting City Administrator in the Absence of the City Administrator.**
- 4.6. Resolution 08-005 Declaring the Official Intent of the City of Belle Plaine to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the City.**
- 4.7. Authorizing City Administrator to Execute Agreement with Neu & Company – Team Building & Visioning Session.**
- 4.8. Resolution 07-136A, Modifying Resolution 07-136, Appointing Paul Traxler and Dyanne Curit as Part-Time Temporary Seasonal Employees with the Belle Plaine Public Works Department.**
- 4.9. Resolution 08-006 Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Wastewater Ponds Decommissioning.**
- 4.10. Resolution 08-007 Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute Purchase Agreement with RALF Program for Weckwerth Property at 706 South Meridian Street.**

MOTION by Councilmember Lies, second by Councilmember O'Laughlin, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 17, 2007, 4.2. Resolution 08-001 Adoption of Official and Professional Appointments, 4.3. Resolution 08-002 Adopting Committee Appointments, 4.4. Resolution 08-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit, 4.5. Resolution 08-004 Appointing Police Chief Steve Rost as Temporary Acting City Administrator in the Absence of the City Administrator, 4.6. Resolution 08-005 Declaring the Official Intent of the City of Belle Plaine to Reimburse Certain Expenditures from the Proceeds of Bonds to be Issued by the City, 4.7. Authorizing City Administrator to Execute Agreement with Neu & Company – Team Building & Visioning Session, 4.8. Resolution 07-136A, Modifying Resolution 07-136, Appointing Paul Traxler and Dyanne Curit as Part-Time Temporary

Seasonal Employees with the Belle Plaine Public Works Department, 4.9. Resolution 08-006 Approving Change Order No. 1 for the Wastewater Ponds Decommissioning and 4.10. Resolution 08-007 Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Execute Purchase Agreement with RALF Program for Weckwerth Property at 706 South Meridian Street. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

## **5. REPORTS.**

### **5.1. Fire Department.**

The Council acknowledged receipt of the Fire Department report.

### **5.2. Community Services Department.**

Community Services Director Nelson Ladd was not present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Community Services Department report.

### **5.3. Public Works Department.**

Public Works Director Al Fahey was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Public Works Department report.

### **5.4. Engineer Report.**

City Engineer Joe Duncan was present. Councilmember Lange inquired about the status of the North Sanitary Sewer Interceptor project. City Engineer Duncan explained the trenching status. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Engineer Report.

### **5.5. City Administration Report.**

City Administrator David Murphy was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the City Administration report.

### **5.6. Ambulance Department.**

Ridgeview Medical Transportation Manager Doug Sweeney provided a status report of the recent takeover of the management duties of the Belle Plaine Ambulance Department by Ridgeview on January 1, 2008. Mr. Sweeney commented that a majority of Belle Plaine's Emergency Medical Technicians transferred to Ridgeview. Further details regarding the dispatching and paging of EMT's will be reviewed by Ridgeview.

Councilmember O'Laughlin commented that he has viewed the Ridgeview chase car and was impressed with its medical equipment.

## **6. CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION.**

### **1. Dr. Michael Wilcox, Medical Director, Belle Plaine Ambulance Service.**

### **2. Chris Meyer, Fire Chief.**

Mayor Meger presented Dr. Michael Wilcox with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 12 years of service as Medical Director with the Belle Plaine Ambulance Service.

Mayor Meger presented Chris Meyer with a Certificate of Appreciation for his six years of service to the community while serving as Fire Chief.

## **7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None Scheduled.**

## **8. BUSINESS.**

### **8.1. Presentation of Claims.**

**8.1.1. Pay Request No. 4 by Chard Tiling for \$299,334.58 for the Wastewater Pond Decommissioning.**

**8.1.2. Pay Request No. 6 by Chard Tiling for \$8,040.80 for the 2007 Street Improvement Project.**

**8.1.3. Pay Request No. 5 by Heselton Construction, LLC, for \$331,110.08 for the North Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project.**

Mayor Meger acknowledged receipt of a revised folio that was distributed to the Council by staff.

MOTION by Councilmember Lange, second by Councilmember Underferth, to approve the Presentation of Claims, Pay Request No. 4 by Chard Tiling for \$299,334.58 for the Wastewater Pond Decommissioning, Pay Request No. 6 by Chard Tiling for \$8,040.80 for the 2007 Street Improvement Project and Pay Request No. 5 by Heselton Construction, LLC, for \$331,110.08 for the North Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

### **8.2. Scheduling Interviews with Applicants for Boards and Commissions.**

Mayor Meger referenced a memo dated January 7, 2008 from City Administrator Murphy regarding the scheduling of interviews with the applicants for the Park Board and Planning Commission.

It was the consensus of the Council to schedule interviews starting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2008. The interviews will be scheduled at 10-minute intervals.

In other business, Councilmember Lange, noting the upcoming HRA meeting, stated he would like to see more activity within the HRA.

## **9. ADMINISTRATION.**

### **9.1. Upcoming Meetings.**

**1. EDA, 5:30 p.m., Monday, January 14.**

**2. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day – Monday, January 21 - City Offices Closed.**

**3. HRA, 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 22.**

**4. City Council, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 22.**

**5. Public Works Committee, 9:30 a.m., Friday, January 25.**

The Council was reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

## **10. ADJOURN.**

MOTION by Councilmember Lies, second by Councilmember Lange, to adjourn at 6:26 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings  
Recording Secretary