

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
NOVEMBER 19, 2007**

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, November 19, 2007 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, Community Development Director Trisha Rosenfeld, Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey, Finance Director Dawn Meyer, City Engineer Joe Duncan and City Attorney Bob Vose.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Lange, second by Councilmember O'Laughlin, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

4.1. Regular Session Minutes of November 5, 2007.

4.2. Calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Fees.

4.3. Authorizing Advertisement to Seek Candidates for Boards and Commissions.

MOTION by Councilmember Anderly, second by Councilmember Underferth, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of November 5, 2007, 4.2. Calling for a Public Hearing to Amend Fees and 4.3. Authorizing Advertisement to Seek Candidates for Boards and Commissions. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. REPORTS.

5.1. Ambulance Department.

The Council acknowledged receipt of the Ambulance Department report as prepared by City Administrator David Murphy.

5.2. Police Department.

Police Chief Steve Rost was not present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Police Department report.

5.3. Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Trisha Rosenfeld was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Community Development Department report.

5.4. Building Inspection Department.

Building Official Scott McCarty was not present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Building Inspection Department report.

5.5. City Administration Report.

City Administrator David Murphy was present. Councilmember Lange explained that the Chamber of Commerce has proposed to purchase banners for the downtown area and interchange bridge. It was the consensus of the Council to allow banners to be installed on the interchange bridge and the downtown area as sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The Council acknowledged receipt of the City Administration report.

6. VISITOR'S REQUEST.

1. Sara Ecklund, 821 Daniel Drive, Belle Plaine, Fire Bill Appeal.

Mayor Meger welcomed Ms. Sara Ecklund.

Ms. Ecklund explained that she received a fire bill for \$504.00. She does not feel she owes this bill and disputed the number of firefighters for which she was billed. Ms. Ecklund stated that she counted not more than four firefighters at her residence and questioned why she was billed for 18. Ms. Ecklund also explained that when she called Scott County Dispatch, she told them that it was not an emergency and that she did not want the Fire Department to respond as she had only a switch plate that was hot and was calling to find out if there was anything she should have done besides turn off the light.

Todd Otto, a member of the Belle Plaine Fire Department, explained that there were firefighters on standby on the street near her home and at the fire hall, which explains the number of 18 firefighters.

There was no further action taken by the Council.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims. 8.1.1. Pay Request No. 17 by ABE Construction for \$280,000.00 for Water Treatment Facility.

MOTION by Councilmember O'Laughlin, second by Councilmember Lies, to approve the Presentation of Claims and Pay Request No. 17 by ABE Construction for \$280,000.00 for Water Treatment Facility. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Authorizing the Purchase of 800 MHz Radios for the Belle Plaine Fire Department.

Mayor Meger referenced a memo dated November 14, 2007 from Fire Chief Chris Meyer regarding the purchase of 800 MHz radios.

Todd Otto and Dan Herrmann of the Belle Plaine Fire Department were present.

Councilmember O'Laughlin explained that the Federal Communications Commission has made rulings, allowing only narrow-band or 800 MHz radios for emergency communication. Thus, the City has no option but to proceed with the purchase of the radios. The Council discussed the proposed \$86,785.84 expense for ten stationary radios for vehicles, one base, and 23 hand held radios. If purchased before November 30, 2007, Motorola is offering a \$200.00 per radio rebate. Finance Director Meyer explained that if the purchase is approved, unbudgeted funds would be expended from the Fire Department's capital improvement fund.

MOTION by Councilmember Lange, second by Councilmember O'Laughlin, to authorize the purchase of 800 MHz radios, including ten stationary, one base, and 23 hand-helds from Motorola for the Belle Plaine Fire Department at a cost of \$86,785.84. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.3. Law Enforcement Labor Services.

Mayor Meger referenced a memo dated November 19, 2007 from City Administrator Murphy regarding Law Enforcement Labor Services contract.

City Administrator Murphy explained that LELS has agreed to the proposed terms of the 3-year police labor contract.

MOTION by Councilmember Lange, second by Councilmember Anderly, to approve the Law Enforcement Labor Services three-year contract. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

The Mayor recessed the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

8.4. Resolution 07-133 Receiving Report and Calling for Public Hearing for the 2008 Street Improvement Project.

Mayor Meger referenced a memo dated November 19, 2007 from City Administrator Murphy regarding the proposed 2008 Street Improvement Project.

City Engineer Duncan provided a PowerPoint presentation for the proposed 2008 Street Improvement Project. The project includes street improvements for Chestnut Street from Main to Court; Cedar Street from Main to 150 feet north of Court Street; and Church Street from 70 feet west of Chestnut Street to Walnut Street. Also included in the project will be the installation of a sidewalk from Ash Street west to the existing walk. The Public Works Committee will be reviewing the street width and sidewalks. The estimated cost of the project is \$1.2 million. The feasibility report included preliminary assessments to the affected property owners and the public hearing would be scheduled for Monday, December 17, 2007.

MOTION by Councilmember Lies, second by Councilmember Anderly, to approve Resolution 07-133 Receiving Report and Calling for Public Hearing for the 2008 Street Improvement Project. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings.

- 1. Thanksgiving & Day After, November 22 & 23, City Offices Closed.**
- 2. Park Board, 5:30 p.m., Monday, November 26.**
- 3. Joint Workshop with Scott County at Jordan Golf Course, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 27.**
- 4. Truth in Taxation, 5:00 p.m., Monday, December 3.**
- 5. City Council, 6:00 p.m., Monday, December 3.**
- 6. Planning Commission, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 5.**

The Council was reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Lies, second by Councilmember Anderly, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings
Recording Secretary