

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 3, 2017**

OATH OF OFFICE.

**Christopher G. Meyer, Mayor
Ben Stier, Council Member
Cary Coop, Council Member**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND OATH OF OFFICE.

Mayor Mike Pingalore and Councilmembers Henry Pressley, Gary Trost and Paul Chard were in attendance. Mayor Pingalore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Mayor Christopher G. Meyer. Mayor Meyer then administered the Oath of Office to newly-elected Council Member Ben Stier and re-elected Council Member Cary Coop.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Present were Mayor Christopher Meyer and Councilmembers Ben Stier, Cary Coop and Paul Chard. Councilmember Theresa McDaniel was not present.

Also present were City Administrator Mike Votca, Finance Director Dawn Meyer, Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey, Police Chief Tom Stolee, City Engineer Joe Duncan and City Attorney Bob Vose. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

MAYOR'S OVERVIEW FOR 2017.

Mayor Meyer welcomed the newly-elected Council Members Ben Stier and Theresa McDaniel (not in attendance), re-elected Council Member Cary Coop, and current member Paul Chard. Mayor Meyer provided his thoughts on Belle Plaine for 2017, indicating there are challenging yet exciting times ahead. Belle Plaine is poised for success, focusing on economic growth and the revitalization of the downtown business district.

Mayor Meyer also thanked Mike Pingalore, Henry Pressley and Gary Trost for their dedication and support while serving on the City Council.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Chard, to approve the agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 19, 2016.**
- 4.2. Personnel Closed Session Minutes of December 19, 2016.**
- 4.3. Resolution 17-001 Adopting Professional Appointments.**
- 4.4. Resolution 17-002 Adopting Committee Appointments.**
- 4.5. Resolution 17-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit.**
- 4.6. Resolution 17-004 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. Resolution 17-005 Appointing Dawn Meyer as Temporary Acting City Administrator.**
- 4.8. Resolution 17-006 Appointing Kathryn Murphy as Seasonal Pool Manager.**
- 4.9. Resolution 17-007 Appointing Officers for the Belle Plaine Fire Department.**

- 4.10. Resolution 17-010 Appointing Nick Jensen as a Member of the Park Board and Ryan Herrmann as an Alternate.**
- 4.11. Resolution 17-011 Re-Appointing Ashton Pankonin as a Member of the Planning Commission.**
- 4.12. Resolution 17-012 Re-Appointing Rick Krant and Kathy Joerg as Members of the Design Committee.**
- 4.13. Resolution 17-009 Authorizing the Annual Recycle/Clean Up Day for April 29, 2017.**
- 4.14. Resolution 17-008 Appointing Jaron Funk, Olivia Turmes, Branden Larson and Wyatt Herrmann as Ice Rink Attendants.**

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Chard, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 19, 2016, 4.2. Personnel Closed Session Minutes of December 19, 2016, 4.3. Resolution 17-001 Adopting Professional Appointments, 4.4. Resolution 17-002 Adopting Committee Appointments, 4.5. Resolution 17-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit, 4.6. Resolution 17-004 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. Resolution 17-005 Appointing Dawn Meyer as Temporary Acting City Administrator, 4.8. Resolution 17-006 Appointing Kathryn Murphy as Seasonal Pool Manager, 4.9. Resolution 17-007 Appointing Officers for the Belle Plaine Fire Department, 4.10. Resolution 17-010 Appointing Nick Jensen as a Member of the Park Board and Ryan Herrmann as an Alternate, 4.11. Resolution 17-011 Re-Appointing Ashton Pankonin as a Member of the Planning Commission, 4.12. Resolution 17-012 Re-Appointing Rick Krant and Kathy Joerg as Members of the Design Committee, 4.13. Resolution 17-009 Authorizing the Annual Recycle/Clean Up Day for April 29, 2017 and 4.14. Resolution 17-008 Appointing Jaron Funk, Olivia Turmes, Branden Larson and Wyatt Herrmann as Ice Rink Attendants. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

5.1. Community Services Department.

Community Services Director Mindy Chevalier was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Community Services Department report.

5.2. Public Works Department.

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

5.3. City Engineer Report.

City Engineer Joe Duncan was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the City Engineer report.

5.4. Administration Report.

City Administrator Mike Votca was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Administration report.

6. PUBLIC FORUM - RECOGNITION OF INVOLVED CITIZENS.

No one spoke during the public forum.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

Mayor Meyer inquired about the invoices for Critter Getters and Smart Jobs. Finance Director Meyer explained the Critter Getters is a monthly fee based on the contract and Smart Jobs is a one-time set-up fee that is offset by grant funds from Scott County CDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Stier, to approve the Presentation of Claims. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Request by City of Mankato to Participate in Collaborative Approach with Phosphorus Pollution in the Minnesota River Basin.

Public Works Superintendent Fahey explained the City of Mankato, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board are requesting the City of Belle Plaine sign a letter of support to Gov. Dayton and the MPCA to cease the issuance of new permit limits for phosphorus in the Minnesota River Basin until they can meet with them for a discussion. The City of Belle Plaine has a current phosphorus limit of 1.0 parts per million and does not expire until 2018. Phosphorus limits and loading for the Minnesota River Basin are complicated. Public Works Superintendent Fahey believes the City should participate in the meeting to learn more about MPCA's intent.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Mayor Meyer, to join with the City of Mankato, the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board in requesting that Governor Dayton and the MPCA to cease the issuance of new permit limits for phosphorus in the Minnesota River Basin until a meeting is granted to discuss the phosphorus limits. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings.

- 1. Public Works, 9:00 am, Thursday, January 5.**
- 2. Public Safety, TBD.**
- 3. EDA, 5:00 pm, Monday, January 9.**
- 4. Planning Commission, 6:30 pm, Monday, January 9.**
- 5. City Offices Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 16.**
- 6. Park Board, 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 17.**
- 7. City Council, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, January 17.**
- 8. Closed Personnel Committee, City Admin 90-day Perf, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, January 17.**

The Council was reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Stier, second by Councilmember Chard, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings
Recording Secretary