

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2022**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Meyer led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CALL TO ORDER. 2.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Regular Session on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6:30 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Meyer called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Cary Coop, Paul Chard, Renee LeMieux and Patricia Krings present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Police Chief Stier, Community Development Director Smith Strack, Finance Director Jirik, City Engineer Duncan, and Public Works Superintendent Otto.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember LeMieux, to approve the agenda. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 20, 2021.
- 4.2. Work Session Minutes of December 20, 2021.
- 4.3. Resolution 22-001 Adopting Professional Appointments.
- 4.4. Resolution 22-002 Adopting Committee Appointments.
- 4.5. Resolution 22-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit.
- 4.6. Resolution 22-004 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 22-005 Appointing Al Fahey as Temporary Acting City Administrator.
- 4.8. Resolution 22-006 Authorizing the 33rd Annual Recycle/Clean Up Day for Saturday, September 10, 2022.
- 4.9. Resolution 22-007 Approving Premise Permit for the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce at Oldenburg Brewing Co.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember LeMieux, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 20, 2021; 4.2. Work Session Minutes of December 20, 2021; 4.3. Resolution 22-001 Adopting Professional Appointments; 4.4. Resolution 22-002 Adopting Committee Appointments; 4.5. Resolution 22-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit; 4.6. Resolution 22-004 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 22-005 Appointing Al Fahey as Temporary Acting City Administrator; 4.8. Resolution 22-006 Authorizing the 33rd Annual Recycle/Clean Up Day for Saturday, September 10, 2022 and 4.9. Resolution 22-007 Approving Premise Permit for the Belle Plaine Chamber of Commerce at Oldenburg Brewing Co. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

5.1. Public Works Department.

Public Works Superintendent Otto was present. Otto highlighted the Public Works Department Report and noted Skate with Santa had a great turnout. Otto explained winter parking regulations has been followed for the last two snowfall events.

Mayor Meyer inquired on the sledding hill. Public Works Superintendent Otto explained the hill is used regularly shortly after a fresh snowfall. Meyer inquired if the ice is good at both rinks. Otto confirmed with the cold temperatures has created good solid ice on both rinks.

5.2. City Engineer Report.

City Engineer Duncan was present. Duncan highlighted the City Engineer Report.

5.3. Administration Report.

City Administrator Meyer was present. Meyer highlighted the Administrative report and noted attached to her report is the 169 Corridor Coalition newsletter which the City is a member of. Meyer explained the City has received a notice from Xcel Energy regarding proposed rate increase for 2022. Meyer noted the notice also reflects increases for the years 2023-2026.

Mayor Meyer inquired on the progress for adding lights to County Road 3 at Century Street. City Administrator Meyer explained poles are currently located at the intersection and a request has been put in to Xcel Energy to add the light. Meyer noted if approved this will not require additional expenses or securing additional right of way permits.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None Scheduled.

7. BUSINESS.

7.1. Presentation of Claims.

Mayor Meyer inquired on the forfeiture expense for \$5,900.00 Finance Director Jirik explained the expense was for a base for the body cams. City Administrator Meyer explained the funds would be paid out of forfeiture funds. Mayor Meyer inquired on the billing split for Gerres. City Administrator Meyer explained the equipment repair bill is typically split between all the areas it's used in. Mayor Meyer inquired on the Lexipole charge. Police Chief Stier explained the fee is an annual membership to the policy and procedure manuals. City Administrator Meyer explained the system keeps State, local and Federal policies and allows for officers to test on the policies to ensure they know all the laws.

Councilmember Chard inquired on page 15. Finance Director Jirik explained the codes were for multiple invoices. Chard inquired on the Amazon charge. Jirik explained the charge was for marketing materials for the parade. Chard inquired on the Promotional Graphics charge. Public Works Superintendent Otto explained the charge was for a rules sign for the sledding hill. Chard inquired on the bronze sign charge. City Administrator Meyer explained the charge is for a plaque acknowledging the Fahey family's donation.

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

7.2. Resolution 21-162 Approving The Mediated Settlement Agreement and Release Between The City Of Belle Plaine, Jane Properties and J&W Asphalt.

Mayor Meyer introduced the agenda item and inquired if requested changes were made. City Administrator Meyer confirmed the timeline fee reduction was agreed to by the other party.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, Second by Councilmember LeMieux, to approve Resolution 21-162 Approving The Mediated Settlement Agreement and Release Between the City of Belle Plaine, Jane Properties and J&W Asphalt. ROLL CALL VOTE. Councilmembers Coop, LeMieux and Chard VOTED AYE. Councilmember Krings and Meyer VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED 3-2.

8. ADMINISTRATION.

8.1. Upcoming Meetings.

1. EDA, 5:00 PM, Monday, January 10.
2. Planning, 6:30 PM, Monday, January 10.
3. Public Safety, 7:30 AM, Tuesday, January 11.
4. Public Works, 9:00 PM, Thursday, January 13.
5. City Offices Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 17.
6. Parks Commission, 5:00 PM, Tuesday, January 18.
7. City Council, 6:30 PM, Tuesday, January 18.
8. Work Session, 6:45 PM, Tuesday, January 18.

The Council was reminded of the upcoming tentative meetings as listed.

9. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember LeMieux, second by Councilmember Coop, to adjourn the regular session at 6:48 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary