

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 4, 2016**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Michael Pingalore 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 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Michael Pingalore called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Gary Trost, Cary Coop, Paul Chard and Henry Pressley, Jr., present.

Also present were City Administrator Holly Kreft, Finance Director Dawn Meyer, Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey, Community Development Director Cynthia Smith Strack, City Engineer Joe Duncan and City Attorney Bob Vose. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 21, 2015.**
- 4.2. Personnel Closed Session Minutes of December 21, 2015.**
- 4.3. Resolution 16-001 Adopting Professional Appointments.**
- 4.4. Resolution 16-002 Adopting Committee Appointments.**
- 4.5. Resolution 16-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit.**
- 4.6. Resolution 16-004 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 16-005 Appointing Dawn Meyer as Temporary Acting City Administrator.**
- 4.8. Resolution 16-006 Re-Appointing Jacqueline Hillstrom as Seasonal Pool Manager.**
- 4.9. Approving Large Assembly Permit for the Belle Plaine Hockey Association for Event on February 13, 2016.**

Councilmember Chard requested "Resolution 16-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit" be moved to the business portion of the agenda.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Trost, to move "Resolution 16-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit" to the business portion of the agenda and approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of December 21, 2015, 4.2. Personnel Closed Session Minutes of December 21, 2015, 4.3. Resolution 16-001 Adopting Professional Appointments, 4.4. Resolution 16-002 Adopting Committee Appointments, 4.5. Resolution 16-004 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, 4.6. Resolution 16-005 Appointing Dawn Meyer as Temporary Acting City Administrator, 4.7. Resolution 16-006 Re-Appointing Jacqueline Hillstrom as Seasonal Pool Manager, and 4.8. Approving Large Assembly Permit for the Belle Plaine Hockey Association for Event on February 13, 2016. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

5.1. Public Works Department.

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

5.2. City Engineer Report.

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

5.3. Administration Report.

City Administrator Holly Kreft was present. She reported a \$3.16 monthly increase announced by Mediacom Cablevision for subscribers of local channel access. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Administration report.

6. PUBLIC FORUM.

6.1. RECOGNITION OF INVOLVED CITIZENS.

No one spoke during the public forum.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

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

8.2. Resolution 16-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit.

City Administrator Kreft explained the City offers qualifying retirees a monthly health insurance premium benefit. This monthly benefit must be set annually by the City Council through a resolution as required by the City of Belle Plaine's personnel policy. From 2005 through 2015 the monthly benefit has been set at \$600.00 per month for retirees. No increase is proposed for 2016.

Councilmember Chard was opposed to the retiree monthly insurance benefit and recommended it be phased out. He commented that neither private firms nor other cities offer such a benefit. Councilmember Chard expressed concern the benefit is not being used for its intended purpose of paying for insurance premiums, but is rather a cash payout. Councilmember Trost concurred. Mayor Pingalore commented that employee longevity and loyalty are important to the City and therefore supports the benefit as proposed.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Pressley, to approve Resolution 16-003 Approving Retiree Monthly Insurance Benefit. Councilmembers Pingalore, Coop and Pressley VOTED AYE. Councilmembers Trost and Chard VOTED NAY. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings.

- 1. Public Works, 11:00 am, Tuesday, January 5.**
- 2. Public Safety, TBD.**
- 3. Coffee with the Mayor, 7:00 am, Thursday, January 7.**
- 4. Interview Candidates for Boards and Commissions, 6:30 pm, Thursday, January 7.**
- 5. EDA, 5:00 pm, Monday, January 11.**
- 6. Planning Commission, 6:30 pm, Monday, January 11.**

- 7. City Offices Closed, Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 18.**
- 8. Park Board, Tuesday, January 19 – Canceled.**
- 9. HRA, 5:30 pm, Tuesday, January 19.**
- 10. City Council, 6:30 pm, Tuesday, January 19.**

The Council was reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Trost, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings
Recording Secretary