

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Ladd 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, February 3, 2025 at 6:05 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Ladd called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Luke Otto, James Evans, Brady Hartmann and Rex Stacey present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Community Development Director Smith Strack, Finance Director Jirik, City Engineer Duncan, Assistant Public Works Superintendent Meyenburg and Police Chief Stier. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator. City Attorney Vose arrived at 6:14 PM. Bonnie Vinkemeier served as Alternate Recording Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to approve the Agenda as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. PUBLIC FORUM.

**Anyone wishing to address the Council must sign up before the meeting and then have a seat in the audience. The signup sheet is removed 5 minutes before the start of the meeting. Maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. No official action will be taken.*

None.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 16, 2024.
- 5.2. Work Session Minutes of January 16, 2024.
- 5.3. Approving a Large Assembly for St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 15, 2025.
- 5.4. Resolution 25-014 Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into the Construction Cooperative Agreement for Trail Maintenance with Scott County.

Motion by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Stacey, to approve the Consent Agenda as follows: 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of January 16, 2024; 5.2. Work Session Minutes of January 16, 2024; 5.3. Approving a Large Assembly for St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 15, 2025 and 5.4. Resolution 25-014 Authorizing the Mayor and City Administrator to Enter into the Construction Cooperative Agreement for Trail Maintenance with Scott County. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

6.1. Public Works Department.

Assistant Public Works Superintendent Meyenburg highlighted the Public Works Report.

6.2. City Engineer Report.

City Engineer Duncan highlighted the Engineer Report.

6.3. Administration Report.

City Administrator Meyer highlighted the Administration Report.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

7.1. Liquor License – Cristian Pinos, C & E, Inc., dba The Belle's Bistro. The City Council will consider public comment on a request by Cristian Pinos, C & E, Inc., dba The Belle's Bistro for an on sale and Sunday intoxicating liquor license at 1050 Enterprise Drive East.

City Administrator Meyer reviewed the request from Cristian Pinos, C&E, Inc. dba The Belle's Bistro.

Mayor Ladd opened the public hearing at 6:09 PM and asked for public comment.

No one stepped forward.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Stacey, to close the public hearing at 6:09 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

7.1.1. Resolution 25-015 Approving On Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for C & E, Inc., dba The Belle's Bistro at 1050 Enterprise Drive East.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve Resolution 25-015 Approving On Sale and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for C & E, Inc., dba The Belle's Bistro at 1050 Enterprise Drive East. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

7.2. Liquor License – Brett Tupy, Steel Horse Tavern Inc., dba Steel Horse Tavern. The City Council will consider public comment on a request by Brett Tupy, Steel Horse Tavern Inc., dba Steel Horse Tavern for an on sale, off sale, 2 AM and Sunday intoxicating liquor license at 114 North Meridian Street.

City Administrator Meyer reviewed the request from Brett Tupy, Steel Horse Tavern Inc., dba Steel Horse Tavern.

Mayor Ladd opened the public hearing at 6:11 PM and asked for public comment.

No one stepped forward.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to close the public hearing at 6:11 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

7.2.1. Resolution 25-016 Approving On Sale, Off Sale, 2 AM and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for Steel Horse Tavern Inc., dba Steel Horse Tavern at 114 North Meridian Street.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacey, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to approve Resolution 25-016 Approving On Sale, Off Sale, 2 AM and Sunday Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for Steel Horse Tavern Inc., dba Steel Horse Tavern at 114 North Meridian Street. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

MOTION by Councilmember Hartmann, second by Councilmember Otto, to approve the reviewed claims as presented in the amount of \$436,389.53. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. 2024 EDA Annual Report to City Council.

Community Development Director Smith Strack presented the 2024 EDA Annual Report to City Council

with EDA Commissioners Sarah Duklet and Steve Cox.

MOTION by Councilmember Stacy, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to accept the 2024 EDA Annual Report. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Meetings.

1. EDA, 5:00 PM, Monday, February 10.
2. Planning, 6:00 PM, Monday, February 10.
3. Public Safety, 7:00 AM, Tuesday, February 11.
4. Public Works, 7:00 AM, Wednesday, February 12.
5. City Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day, Monday, February 17.
6. City Council, 6:00 PM, Tuesday, February 18.
7. Work Session, 6:15 PM, Tuesday, February 18.

Mayor Ladd reviewed the upcoming meetings as listed.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Hartmann, to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary