BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 4, 2013

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, March 4, 2013 at 6:00 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, Scott Schneider and Paul Chard present.

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

Mayor Pingalore noted the new voting machine that has been installed in the council chambers.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

MOTION by Councilmember Trost, second by Councilmember Coop, to approve the agenda with the addition of Legacy Nutrition, 106 North Meridian Street, for the business showcase as part of the public forum. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

4.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 19, 2013.
4.2. Resolution 13-027 Updating Signatory for Financial Transactions with the State Bank of Belle Plaine.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Schneider, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 19, 2013, and 4.2. Resolution 13-027 Updating Signatory for Financial Transactions with the State Bank of Belle Plaine. Councilmember Trost VOTED NAY. ALL OTHERS VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

5.1. Community Services Department.

Community Services Director Nelson Ladd 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. City Administration Report.

City Administrator David Murphy was present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the City Administration report.

6. PUBLIC FORUM.

Randy and Mary Koll, 22071 Johnson Memorial Drive, presented information about the proposed expansion of their vineyard and crop production, Maranda Acres. They asked for the city's support in their expansion efforts.

PROCLAMATION - St. Patrick's Day
Mayor Pingalore read the St. Patrick's Day proclamation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - Legacy Nutrition, 106 North Meridian Street.
Mayor Pingalore acknowledged Jeremy and Lainey Schwartz, and Jessica Schrupp of Legacy Nutrition, 106 North Meridian Street, on the recent opening of their nutrition store.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - Troy Witt – EDA, 12 Years of Service.
Mayor Pingalore presented Troy Witt with an appreciation plaque for his 12 years of service, including president, to the EDA.

FISH - Families and Individuals Sharing Hope Presentation.
Beth Loechler, Executive Director of FISH, provided a presentation of the non-profit organization FISH.

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 as presented. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Resolution 13-028 Awarding Bid for the 2013 Street Improvement Project.

Mayor Pingalore referenced a memo dated March 4, 2013 from City Administrator Murphy regarding bid award.

City Administrator Murphy explained the bids for the 2013 street improvement project were opened on February 21, 2013. A total of nine bids were received and the low bidder was Chard Tiling and Excavating of Belle Plaine. The bid amount was $1,304,217.78.

MOTION by Councilmember Trost, second by Councilmember Coop, to approve Resolution 13-028 Awarding Bid for the 2013 Street Improvement Project. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.3. Charitable Gambling Regulations.

Mayor Pingalore referenced a memo dated March 4, 2013 from City Administrator Murphy regarding charitable gambling regulations.

City Administrator Murphy explained that Council Member Trost requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. State Statute allows for cities to establish by ordinance a requirement that organizations contribute up to ten percent per year of net profits to a fund that the City administers.

Included with City Administrator Murphy's memo were copies of the LG510 City Annual Report, requirements and restrictions for Local Units of Government and applicable State Statutes.

Councilmember Trost explained that the charitable gambling funds could be used for park equipment and youth activities. Councilmember Schneider recommended the organizations be notified of any changes regarding proceeds.

MOTION by Councilmember Trost, second by Councilmember Coop, to direct staff to proceed with the preparation of an ordinance that would require charitable gambling organizations to donate ten percent of their proceeds to the City for park equipment and youth activities. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.4. Ordering Preparation of a Concept Plan for Prairie Park.

Mayor Pingalore referenced a memo dated March 4, 2013 from City Administrator Murphy regarding a concept plan for Prairie Park.

City Administrator Murphy explained the Park Board discussed Prairie Park at their January 28th and February 20th meetings. The Park Board recommended to the Council that staff be authorized to proceed with preparing a concept plan for Prairie Park that will show the highest and best use for the whole area. The plan will include the water tower, new parking area, existing buildings, restrooms and play equipment.

MOTION by Councilmember Trost, second by Councilmember Coop, to direct staff to proceed with the preparation of a concept plan for Prairie Park. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Recess Regular Session.

Mayor Pingalore recessed the regular session at 6:46 p.m.

8.5. CLOSED SESSION.
Attorney/Client Privilege – Area Township Ambulance Fund Litigation.

Mayor Pingalore announced the closed session at 6:52 p.m. with Councilmembers Gary Trost, Cary Coop, Scott Schneider and Paul Chard present. Also present were City Administrator David Murphy, Finance Director Dawn Meyer and City Attorney Bob Vose. Those present discussed the proposed settlement offer by the area townships.

Reconvene Regular Session.

Mayor Pingalore reconvened the regular session at 7:12 p.m.

9. ADMINISTRATION.
9.1. Upcoming Meetings.
1. Public Works, 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March. 5.
2. Public Safety, 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6 (City Hall).
3. EDA, 5:00 p.m., Monday, March 11.
4. Planning Commission, 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 11.
5. Council and Staff Visioning Session, 8:00 a.m., Friday, March 15, Library.
6. Council and Scott County Assessor's Office, Update, 5:30 p.m., Monday, March 18.
7. City Council, 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 18.

Mayor Pingalore reviewed the upcoming meetings.

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Chard, to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings
Recording Secretary