

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
MARCH 6, 2017**

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Christopher 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, March 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Christopher Meyer called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Paul Chard, Ben Stier, Cary Coop, and Theresa McDaniel present.

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

**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 February 21, 2017.**

**4.2. Joint City and School District Workshop Minutes of February 24, 2017.**

**4.3. Resolution 17-027 Appointing Catherine Tarbell as a Member of the Planning Commission and Brittney Cotner as an Alternate.**

**4.4. Resolution 17-028 Authorizing Mayor and City Administrator to Execute Interim Use Permit Agreement with DG Minnesota CSG 4, LLC (Solar Energy).**

**4.5. Authorize the Purchase of Grass Rig with Slide-In Unit for the Belle Plaine Fire Department.**

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Stier, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 4.1. Regular Session Minutes of February 21, 2017, 4.2. Joint City and School District Workshop Minutes of February 24, 2017, 4.3. Resolution 17-027 Appointing Catherine Tarbell as a Member of the Planning Commission and Brittney Cotner as an Alternate, 4.4. Resolution 17-028 Authorizing Mayor and City Administrator to Execute Interim Use Permit Agreement with DG Minnesota CSG 4, LLC (Solar Energy), and 4.5. Authorize the Purchase of Grass Rig with Slide-In Unit for the Belle Plaine Fire Department. 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.

### **6.0. St. Patrick's Day Proclamation.**

Mayor Meyer read the St. Patrick's Day Proclamation for the upcoming celebration on March 18, 2017.

### **6.1. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE SCHEDULED.**

## **7. BUSINESS.**

### **7.1. Presentation of Claims.**

Councilmember Chard inquired about the amount for the downtown uplighting project by Bolton and Menk and also Lange's Plumbing invoice. Staff provided details on the invoices.

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

### **7.2. Resolution 17-029 Joint Resolution of the City of Belle Plaine and Belle Plaine Township as to the Orderly Annexation of Property.**

Community Development Director Smith Strack explained that Mr. Sabyasachi Sengupta has petitioned for annexation of 10.02 acres of property to the City of Belle Plaine. Annexation is proposed to accommodate development of Tatiana Fields a commercial recreation use (cricket fields). The Joint Planning Board (comprised of Township, City, County Officials) for the Belle Plaine Orderly Annexation Area met on March 1, 2017 to review the petition. The Orderly Annexation Area Joint Planning Board accepted the petition and voted to recommend the City and Township approve the proposed resolution. The Applicant has filed required tax reimbursement with the Township.

Mayor Meyer commented that Mr. Sengupta is looking forward to developing Tatiana Fields in Belle Plaine and is excited to be part of the community. Councilmember Chard inquired about any concerns by the School District and Councilmember Stier responded the School District is pleased with plans for the cricket field.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Stier, to approve Resolution 17-029 Joint Resolution of the City of Belle Plaine and Belle Plaine Township as to the Orderly Annexation of Property. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

### **7.3. Resolution 17-030 Ordering Feasibility Report for Alley Improvements: The 200 block of North Meridian Street and the 100 block of East Main Street – North/South and East/West Alleys (Blocks 102 and 104).**

City Administrator Votca explained that over the past several months, the Public Works Committee has been discussing drainage and surfacing issues in Blocks 102 and 104. The Public Works Committee recommends the City Council order a feasibility report in an effort to address the drainage issues.

MOTION by Councilmember Chard, second by Councilmember Coop, to approve Resolution 17-030 Ordering Feasibility Report for Alley Improvements: The 200 block of North Meridian Street and the 100 block of East Main Street – North/South and East/West Alleys (Blocks 102 and 104). ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. ADMINISTRATION.**

**8.1. Upcoming Meetings.**

- 1. Destination 2040 – Navigating Your Competitive Future, 6:00 pm, Wed., March 8.**
- 2. Public Works, 9:00 am, Thursday, March 9.**
- 3. EDA, 5:00 pm, Monday, March 13.**
- 4. Planning Commission, 6:30 pm, Monday, March 13.**
- 5. Park Board, 5:00 pm. Monday, March 20.**
- 6. City Council, 6:30 pm, Monday, March 20.**

The Council was reminded of the upcoming meetings as listed.

**9. ADJOURN.**

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Stier, to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Krings  
Recording Secretary