

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2023**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Woletz 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 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Woletz called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Cary Coop, Patricia Krings, James Evans and Ryan Ladd present.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Police Chief Stier, Public Works Superintendent Otto, City Engineer Duncan, Finance Director Jirik and Community Development Director Smith Strack. City Attorney Vose was present on video conference. Fire Chief Otto arrived at 6:04 PM. Wanda Savage served as the video recording operator.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

4. PUBLIC FORUM. None.

**Anyone wishing to address the Council of the Whole must submit in writing the subject and intent of request by 3:00 PM on the Tuesday prior to the scheduled Council meeting. Maximum of three (3) minutes per speaker. No official action will be taken.*

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA.

- 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of March 6, 2023.
- 5.2. Work Session Minutes of March 6, 2023.
- 5.3. Resolution 23-033 Appointing Bryan Mulvihill as a Full Time Police Officer with the City of Belle Plaine Police Department.
- 5.4. Resolution 23-036 Appointing Joe Theis as a Full Time Police Officer with the City of Belle Plaine Police Department.
- 5.5. Resolution 23-035 Approving Lease To The Lamar Companies For A Billboard On Outlot A Chatfield Commercial Park First Addition.
- 5.6. Resolution 23-037 Accepting Donation of School Bus for Public Safety Training from 4.0 School Services.
- 5.7. Resolution 23-038 Appointing Vincent Peterson as members of the Belle Plaine Fire Department.
- 5.8. Resolution 23-039 Approving the MnDOT Agency Agreement No. 1052089 Appointing MnDOT as Agent in Acceptance of Eligible Federal Funds and Authorizing Execution Thereof.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Ladd, to approve the consent agenda as follows: 5.1. Regular Session Minutes of March 6, 2023; 5.2. Work Session Minutes of March 6, 2023; 5.3. Resolution 23-033 Appointing Bryan Mulvihill as a Full Time Police Officer with the City of Belle Plaine Police Department; 5.4. Resolution 23-036 Appointing Joe Theis as a Full Time Police Officer with the City of Belle Plaine Police Department; 5.5. Resolution 23-035 Approving Lease To The Lamar Companies For A Billboard On Outlot A Chatfield Commercial Park First Addition; 5.6. Resolution 23-037 Accepting Donation of School Bus for Public Safety Training from 4.0 School Services; 5.7. Resolution 23-038 Appointing Vincent Peterson as members of the Belle Plaine Fire Department and 5.8. Resolution 23-039 Approving the MnDOT Agency Agreement No. 1052089 Appointing MnDOT as Agent in

Acceptance of Eligible Federal Funds and Authorizing Execution Thereof. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

6.1. Ambulance Department. (Report Only)

Ambulance Director Burton was not present. The Council acknowledged receipt of the Ambulance Report.

6.2. Fire Department.

Fire Chief Otto was present. Otto highlighted the Fire Department report.

6.3. Police Department.

Police Chief Stier was present. Stier highlighted the Police Department report and noted St. Patrick's Day went off with very minor incidents.

6.4. Community Services Department.

Community Services Director Koller was not present. Council acknowledged receipt of the report.

6.5. Community Development Department.

Community Development Director Smith Strack was present. Smith Strack highlighted the Community Development Report and noted letters were sent out to residents with inactive permits. Smith Strack explained the City hosted a meeting with community stakeholders for a Scott County family resource center and noted any Downtown Businesses planning on any projects should reach out to the City. Smith Strack explained the City has five different resources to help with projects, three of which are forgivable loans.

Councilmember Krings thanked staff for the great turn out at the Scott County Resource Center meeting.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS.

7.1. Liquor License – Belle Plaine Baseball Association dba Belle Plaine Baseball. The City Council will consider public comment on a request by Belle Plaine Baseball Association for an On Sale 3.2 and On Sale Wine Licenses at 221 South Eagle Street.

City Administrator Meyer explained the Belle Plaine Baseball Association has secured strong beer liquor licenses in the past for sales during games. Meyer noted a change in legislation now allows for Baseball Associations/Town Teams to have a license to serve alcohol that is not limited to certain days. Meyer noted legislation requires two licenses be held and run concurrently with other City licenses.

Mayor Woletz inquired on the 3.2. beer license. City Administrator Meyer explained per the State of Minnesota in order to sell strong beer the league must apply and secure a 3.2. beer license along with a wine license.

Councilmember Krings inquired if the license is for a year. City Administrator Meyer confirmed the license is for a year but is limited to the premise applied for.

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

No one stepped forward.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Krings, to close the public hearing at 6:12 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

7.1.1. Resolution 23-034 Liquor Licenses for Belle Plaine Baseball Association, dba Belle Plaine Baseball at 221 South Eagle Street.

MOTION by Councilmember Evans, second by Councilmember Krings, to approve Resolution 23-034 Liquor Licenses for Belle Plaine Baseball Association, dba Belle Plaine Baseball at 221 South Eagle Street. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8. BUSINESS.

8.1. Presentation of Claims.

MOTION by Councilmember Krings, second by Councilmember Coop, to approve the reviewed claims as presented in the amount of \$129,064.98. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

8.2. Authorize Liquor License Fee Reduction for the Belle Plaine Baseball Association for 2022-2023.

City Administrator Meyer explained the annual license fee for the new liquor license is \$600.00 and runs from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. Meyer explained the Nathan Muehlenhart is present to request a reduction in fees for the 2022/2023 license.

Nathan Muehlenhardt stepped forward and requested due to the season not starting until May and renewal will happen only 6 weeks after the first license is secured. Muehlenhardt requested a reduction from \$600.00 to \$75.00 for the 2022/2023 season.

MOTION by Councilmember Krings, second by Councilmember Coop, to approve the reduction of fees to \$75.00 for the 2022/2023 Liquor License. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

9.1. Upcoming Tentative Meetings.

1. Design Committee, Monday, April 3, 5:00 PM.
2. City Council, Monday, April 3, 6:00 PM.
3. Work Session, Monday, April 3, 6:15 PM.

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

10. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Ladd, second by Councilmember Coop, to adjourn the regular session at 6:19 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary