

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
JUNE 7, 2021**

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. ROLL CALL.

A Work Session of the Belle Plaine City Council met on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:18 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Present were Mayor Christopher Meyer and Councilmembers Renee LeMieux, Cary Coop, Paul Chard and Patricia Krings.

Also present were City Administrator Meyer, Finance Director Jirik, Public Works Superintendent Fahey, Community Development Director Smith Strack and City Engineer Duncan.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS.

3.1. SCALE Housing Presentation.

Julie Siegert and Fred Corrigan Co-Chairs for the Scott County Housing Blueprint were present to review the program. Corrigan explained the four priorities of the program as A. Homelessness & Specialized Housing, B. Education and Advocacy, C. New Housing Opportunities, D. Housing Preservation.

Discussion regarding the shortage of rentals, state moratorium on evictions and funding for lower income seniors.

3.2. Wold – Facility Study.

Melissa Stein and John McNamara of Wold Architects were present to review the Facility Study and next steps options. Stein presented a brief slideshow to review the options and phases of greatest need within the City from short-term needs within five years to long-term needs 20 plus years away. Facilities reviewed included City Hall, Public Works Facilities, Fire Department, and Police Department. Short-term recommendations are estimated to cost 17.5 Million. McNamara explained all options will slide on the scale according to growth of the town.

Councilmember Krings inquired why a separate building for Recreation. Stein explained recreation is currently being housed at the Public Works facility and needs room to grow. Public Works Superintendent Fahey explained staff do not want public crossing parking lot with large equipment for safety reasons. Fahey also noted the current recreation program comes with a lot of equipment and will need room to grow and storage.

Councilmember Coop inquired why the Police facility would stay on the current lot and not move out to the Public Works lot. Stein explained both areas were reviewed. McNamara explained with town growth the Police Department is not affected as much as the Fire Department as the Police are out on the roads.

McNamara explained the next steps would be to take a deeper look at the design, gather additional details and start budgeting plans.

Councilmember Coop inquired on the future growth numbers estimated by Wold. Stein explained 2040 is estimated at 13,500, which is a 35% change. City Administrator Meyer explained that estimate is lower than the Met Council's projections and noted mid and long-term goals move back as growth slows and moves up as growth increases.

3.3. Fence Code Update.

Community Development Director Smith Strack reviewed Ordinance 21-04 the Fence Code Update with adjustments to the front yard. Smith Strack explained the update would be a complete repeal and replace rather than multiple changes.

It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the Ordinance update.

4. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember LeMieux, second by Councilmember Krings, to close the Regular Session at 8:23 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary