

**BELLE PLAINE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 30, 2018**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Christopher Meyer led those present in the pledge of Allegiance.

1. CALL TO ORDER. 1.1. Roll Call.

The Belle Plaine City Council met in Special Session on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the council chambers of City Hall, 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine, MN. Mayor Christopher Meyer called the meeting to order with Councilmembers Ben Stier, Cary Coop and Theresa McDaniel present. Councilmember Paul Chard was absent.

Also present were City Administrator Dawn Meyer and Public Works Superintendent Al Fahey. Wanda Savage served as video recording operator.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

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

3. Discussion Items.

3.1. Resolution 18-091 Accept Concept Plan and Order Plans and Specifications for the 2018 Community Pool Project.

City Administrator Meyer explained the pool architect firm Waters Edge has completed the preliminary concept plan for the 2018 community pool project. Meyer explained Public Works Superintendent Fahey will present the proposed plan which was handed out with the packet. Meyer noted after the presentation, it is appropriate for the City Council to accept the preliminary concept plan and order plans and specifications to stay on schedule for a July 2019 opening.

Fahey explained input was taken from pool staff, guards and City Council, Waters Edge was given a budget cap of \$5,000,000.00. Fahey noted the architect submitted the proposed plan as the best fit for the lot, future expansion and budget. Fahey explained he is in daily contact with Waters Edge to stay on the proposed timeline citing the State of Minnesota needing 3 weeks for review of the project. If council approves the concept plan the Council would be look for bids the first week in September. Once bids are submitted Waters Edge will pull out the qualified Bids for Council review. Meyer stated the current concept is projected at \$4,700,000.00. Fahey explained he does not see any issues moving forward with the lot, soil borings have been ordered and the City is doing due diligence to allow for the correct design.

Mayor Meyer inquired the capacity of the proposed pool. Fahey stated the capacity will be brought up by 200 which includes everyone on the deck, not just those in the pool. Mayor Meyer voiced concern on parking with increased usage and what steps could be done beforehand to alleviate parking issues. Fahey explained a drop off area has been designed as part of the plan, noting options from angled parking to joining with the district in a possible parking lot are all option being looked at. Mayor Meyer inquired if grass clippings would be an issue with grass areas inside the pool fence area. Fahey explained bagging clipping during mowing would need to be done noting the need for a walking with a bagger as an added expense. Councilmember Stier inquired if the grass area would be irrigated. Fahey explained that is an option being looked into. Councilmember McDaniel inquired if any equipment from the current pool could be reused. Fahey explained no pool equipment would be salvageable citing guard equipment is the only transferable equipment at this time. Mayor Meyer explained the importance of making the public aware a 1-2-million-dollar pool repair is no longer an option due to the current state of the pool. Mayor Meyer added if the Community wants to continue to have the pool facility as an option for the community a rebuild is the only option. Fahey agreed repairs are no longer fiscally responsible. Fahey showed examples and answered council questions on amenities included in the current concept plan clarifying the concept has zero depth entry and meets all accessibility standards. City Administrator Meyer read the comments from Councilmember Chard which addressed areas discussed in the conversation such as a grass area around the pool. Administrator Meyer provided a handed out to council which contained information on the pool concept plan and estimated tax impact, staff would like the hand out to be available for the public at

National Night Out. It was the consensus of the council the hand out provided important information for residents.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember McDaniel, to approve Resolution 18-091 Accept Concept Plan and Order Plans and Specifications for the 2018 Community Pool Project. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

4. ADJOURN.

MOTION by Councilmember Coop, second by Councilmember Stier, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. ALL VOTED AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Eyrich
Recording Secretary