

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE  
REGULAR WORKSHOP  
JULY 29th, 2009  
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in Regular Workshop on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 8:30 A.M. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, Fl 32809.

The following members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Keith Severns	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6
Eric S. Spaulding	District 7

Not present were Mayor Brooks, Vice Mayor Ady, District 4 and Commissioner Thomas G. Petruzzi, District 1

Also present were City Manager Be Bateman, City Attorney John Bennett, City Clerk Miriam Rodriguez, and others

Mrs. Bateman called the meeting to order.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mrs. Bateman said Mayor Brooks did not have anything critical to report. I have a progress report of the charter school conversion. The consultants are working rapidly as Friday is the deadline to submit to Orange County. We are trying to get a mailing list. We have put out an Orange County approved ad-com message to faculty and parents. We are getting ready to do a post card mail out. If it is not in the mail by Friday there is no guarantee it will get out there before the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The biggest challenge we are facing is getting half of the parents to vote.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

In addition to that we had a couple of questions come back in one of the grants application which we have since answered and they were accepted for the finger printing grant.

Our charter grant application for five positions for three years, we got a response from the Department of Justice they had almost 8,000 applications they prioritize the grants, they were able to fund about 14% however we are still approved, we are on the list if they get more money we would get it. Our budget is not contingent at this point on us getting this grant. When they prioritize they take into account crime stats and population so that puts us at the bottom of the list.

Yesterday we were finally able to get in touch with someone in Washington to get our CCR# which we have to have to receive federal money.

Police Department update, there was a preliminary C.O. inspection, we got a different inspector, this inspector said we had to grout the tiles to get a C.O. Progress Energy was here, new poles set. Telephone I.T. system will be going in next week. Brighthouse is providing free cable to the house, we will have to pay for high speed internet. We tried to save some of the appliances but one by one we have come to realize they need to be replaced.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – No Report**

### **CITY COUNCIL'S REPORT**

**Commissioner Pisano** asked for an update on the Joyce Davis case.

Mrs. Bateman said she has come into compliance. She removed some trees and moved the shed.

Commissioner Pisano asked if we had an ordinance on enclosed boat docks.

Attorney Bennett said you can't build a new one but if you have one you can maintain it.

Commissioner Pisano asked for an update on the pond in her community.

Mrs. Bateman said we have contractor on notice, we are supposed to get a bid. We have been swamped. We have two more holes on the road, we videotaped another pipe yesterday. We are waiting for Price Construction and Barracuda to give us a bid to repair.

**Commissioner Readey** said the monster truck is back.

Mrs. Bateman said we didn't not adopt an ordinance for just one person.

Commissioner Readey said lake level seems to be lower than it should be, weir has dropped.

Mrs. Bateman said they said it is set at 86.4

Commissioner Readey said maybe we ought to have it set for 86.9 level

Commissioner Readey said my article in the bulletin didn't seem to make a difference, there is still grass on the sidewalks. I am going to write another article and try to emphasize the problem.

**Commissioner Scott** said back to the Charter School issue, Bill is spending an awful lot of time on the project, I think we ought to write a letter to his firm.

Mrs. Bateman said why don't we give him a certificate or present him with a plaque of appreciation.

**Commissioner Spaulding** asked about a guy who flies off of Lake Conway. He asked if the hedge ordinance was dead now.

Mrs. Bateman said yes, we are not going to adopt an ordinance for one issue.

Commissioner Spaulding asked if we are still getting the resurfacing done

Mrs. Bateman said it is still in the CIP

Commissioner Spaulding reported a raised and broken sidewalk at 5386 Chiswick Circle.

**Mrs. Bateman said our First Budget Public Hearing is set for Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M.**

**Commissioner Severns** asked what is the latest on our park, Deliah Park

Mrs. Bateman said we got the signoff from St. Johns'

Steve Gillis said we are reinforcing and filling in the berm. Butch is coming in to do that. Maintenance has a work order to trim hedge line.

Mrs. Bateman said we are having a bit of a problem, someone is locking the gate behind us.

Mrs. Bateman recognized Mr. Jim Swan of Waste Management. She said I brought to the Council at our last Special Session that we were looking at probably \$16.10 per month for a five year period per household. Mr. Swan is here to answer any questions you may have.

Mrs. Swan said thank you for having me this morning and for allowing us to serve your community for the past six years. The existing contract was extended for one year. The offer I passed on for \$16.10 was approved by the company. You are getting a better deal than Kissimmee. I think your increase is a reasonable one. The CPI is something I would like to have an opportunity to talk with Council. When fuel went up we chose not to approach Council, tipping fees at dump locations have increased. The biggest issue right now, if a hurricane hits the City, it may be in the City's best interest to piggy back on some other contract as I understand you need to have a preposition contract; but our company will be there to assist; but is not in the city's best interest for our company not be the main provider for the city. One suggestion I would make is make sure that you have funding available to have someone attend all of the FEMA training classes, I think that is important.

Mrs. Bateman said I would like to see a draft of the contract to give to Council and put it on the agenda. I don't know what our deadline is, is it October 1<sup>st</sup>?

Mr. Swan said you and all of us have a lot on our plates, if you tell us we approve the \$16,10 we get it on paper and have it back in a couple of months.

Mrs. Bateman said when I brought that rate up to Council everyone seemed pleased. I don't think we will get that if we go out to bid. I would like for you to go ahead with the new terms if there is no objection from Council.

Mr. Swan said I can do that and work with you.

Mrs. Bateman said we will take it to Council for approval.

Commissioner Pisano asked what can we do as far as expand our recycle program

Mr. Swan said the green relates to budget restraints. What I would suggest is let us come up with cost for service and much better ideas for cart system to be reviewed by Council.

Mrs. Bateman said we look forward to the draft.

Mr. Swan said thank you we appreciate you and enjoy working for the community.

There being no further items to come before Council, meeting was adjourned.

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Miriam Rodriguez  
City Clerk