

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
WORKSHOP SESSION
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in Workshop Session on Wednesday, February 24th, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FI 32809.

The following Council members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Sam Butler III	District 1
Keith Severns	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6
Eric Spaulding	District 7

Not present was Vice Mayor Larry Ady, District 4

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brooks said he is working with Steve Gillis on some of the projects in the City.

On state issues, we received a legislative alert yesterday on a senate bill regarding budget reporting.

CHIEF TEGG'S REPORT

Detective Steve Strickland represented Chief Tegg, gave an update on Comfort Suites.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Bennett said he wanted to know if Council wanted to revise the sexual predator ordinance, we should take a look at what we have and compare with the new law.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Bateman said we are in the process of verifying data of Pine Castle annexation, should have that for you at the next meeting. We are going to look at the numbers again.

I received input from Commissioner Scott on the Personnel Manual. We need to receive those as soon as possible as we would like to put that manual on the agenda for adoption.

The only other thing I have is we have a request from Lake Conway East that they would like for the City to use funds from our tree fund to purchase trees for landscaping along Cove Drive on the north side using drake elm and crepe myrtles and if the city would contribute the trees the HOA would maintain as their common area. The issue is whether or not the Council would support.

Commissioner Pisano said when we had the tree giveaway we offered them 15-20 trees they were given as many as they wanted. There is money in the Orange County tree grant.

Commissioner Butler asked how many trees they were asking

Mrs. Bateman said she didn't know they have planting intervals.

Mayor Brooks said the only concern is the cost and normally we do as a neighborhood matching grant. I would like to see some landscaping architectural opinion of whether that is the right place right tree right time situation. Can we also get from Steve Gillis an as built plan for the road and see what utilities are there. Where we put the beautification trees will come from the City but we can't put it all in one spot. It is a city-wide budget. We will need to see the cost.

CITY COUNCIL'S REPORT

COMMISSIONER PISANO said Congressman Grayson is looking at our COP grant and I also asked them to look at our solar grant. Tonight there is a crime meeting on Conway they invited all businesses at 6:30 PM at the AG Center.

COMMISSIONER READEY said the lights on the bridge have been fixed, they look great. He asked for the City to reconsider putting the lights under the bridge the way they are. In additional a tri county league of cities meeting were talking about a bill putting limits on commissioner terms. He also asked for a month to month summary on city expenses.

Mrs. Bateman said just for information, we are probably about a week away from completing the monthly financial reports being ready for Council. We have been overwhelmed by the number of payables as far as quantity, so Lucy is at a point right now where she is 98% with the data input so we can print out December, January and February financial reports.

COMMISSIONER SPAULDING asked about speed table locations.

Mrs. Bateman said he will have that before he leaves today.

Commissioner Spaulding asked for the street sweeper to go through his neighborhood.

Commissioner Spaulding asked about the location of the new school and if the rent would stretch the city financially

Mrs. Bateman said it is funded through the state.

Commissioner Spaulding also asked about the street resurfacing.

Mrs. Bateman said we need to get to that.

COMMISSIONER SEVERNS said the only thing I have is I spoke to Steve Gillis regarding some infractions on the projects going on around the city.

Mrs. Bateman informed Council that we got the fingerprinting equipment grant, it will be installed and running March 15th

Mayor Brooks asked if we could use the fingerprinting equipment at the spring fling

Det. Strickland said it would have to be hooked up to the computer system.

Mayor Brooks said even if we could tell folks we have that equipment that they can come to the police department and have their children get an id with their fingerprint on it.

Commissioner Scott suggested have a coupon on the bulleting to come to the BIPD and have it done.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT said signage at Perkins Boat ramp, one sign says no swimming the other sign says swim at your own risk.

Mrs. Bateman said there is no swimming there.

Commissioner Scott asked about the solid waste bills. Mrs. Bateman said a second notice has not gone out.

Commissioner Scott asked about standards on advertising in our bulletin such as political ads.

Mayor Brooks asked Attorney Bennett to advise Council what we can or cannot do in a bulletin.

COMMISSIONER BUTLER said I procured a candidate for the P&Z Board.

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

Miriam Santiago
City Clerk