

**CITY OF BELLE ISLE
SPECIAL WORKSHOP
MINUTES
Wednesday, July 21st, 2010
8:30 A.M.**

The Belle Isle City Council met in a Special Workshop Session on Wednesday, July 21st, 2010 at 8:30 A.M. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers, 1600 Nela Avenue, Belle Isle, FL 32809

The following Council members were present:

William G. Brooks	Mayor
Sam Butler III	District 1
Keith Severns	District 2
Charles Scott	District 3
Larry Ady	District 4
Harvey Readey	District 5
Lydia Pisano	District 6
Eric Spaulding	District 7

Also present were Interim City Manager, John Tegg, City Attorney John Bennett, Interim Police Chief, Casper Johnson, and Miriam Santiago, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Brooks called the special session to order 8:30 AM

Mayor Brooks said this is a special meeting, it does allow for action on the items on the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Brooks said the City Attorney brought to my attention that we should adopt the new city logo (seal).

Attorney Bennett we would have to do that by ordinance. I will draw one up.

Mayor Brooks said we have received a letter from Bill Donegan, Property Appraiser, that the House Bill 1279 became law as of July 1st which could impact our revenues.

Since Be's passing we have put in some time in looking at the City's Budget and getting ready for that. I want to thank Keith and John for diving in and getting us ready for the budget.

I have asked Steven Gillis to make sure that the county contractors in the area trying to close some of the projects just want to make sure those projects that have impacted the driveways, irrigation, make sure that all those residents have the damaged repaired. Also the asphalt on Hoffner where the equipment has pulled out and on, we need to work with the county to make those repairs.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT -

Spoke on real estate signs and also inspections by city and the permitting fees

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE

Mr. Tegg said I want to thank Keith for his help. I am just getting my feet wet in this area and I am trying to dive in and find things. I handed out the proposed budget, I know you have not had any time to look it over. What I am proposing is our a millage rate of 4.5035. If we go with a lower amount we are stuck there, we cannot go up. I have been working on this for a couple of weeks. We are at a no spend situation. I am looking into putting money in the reserve. This rate has to be approved by the 23rd, posted and sent, that is why we called this a special meeting.

Commissioner Butler left the meeting; Council still had a quorum according to Attorney Bennett)

Vice Mayor Severns moved to adopt 4.5035 mills as the tentative millage rage for FY 2010-2011. Commissioner Scott seconded the motion which passed 4:2 as Commissioner Readey and Commissioner Pisano voted negative.

PLAQUE FOR ANNEX BUILDING

Mr. Tegg said we discussed last time ordering a plaque honoring Ms. Be; it will cost approximately \$552.00.

Mr. Tegg said August 3rd is also NATIONASL NIGHT OUT and I wanted to know if Council would be ok with moving the meeting up one hour to 4:30 PM. Council agreed.

POLICE CHIEF REPORT

Mayor Brooks congratulated Casper Johnson for his interim police chief position.

Chief Johnson talked about the new hires for the crossing guard positions and an update on McCoy Road

COUNCILS' REPORT

COMMISSIONER ADY said Jim Swan called Larry Williams and mentioned that our City Manager had passed away, I also called him and he showed some interest in returning to Belle Isle as City Manager.

Mayor Brooks said I also got a couple of calls from residents of Belle Isle expressing interest in the position. I told them we would at least through October, after the budget is completed before we start thinking about it.

VICE MAYOR SEVERNS said I am working on some building permit issues, fee schedules, trying to get some additional revenues and also that surcharge with the state.

Mayor Brooks asked you think we can make that adjustment any time?

Attorney Bennett said yes

COMMISSIONER SCOTT – no report

COMMISSIONER READEY – Spoke in favor of the vacation checks by the police department

COMMISSIONER SPAULDING asked on the status of the paving and resurfacing of Windsor Place.

Mayor Brooks said the plans were ready, the advertisement for bids was ready, we need to have a 120 day price guarantee.

Commissioner Spaulding asked about the speed tables.

Mr. Tegg said I will be gone next week and a half but I will look into that when I get back.

COMMISSIONER PISANO said the Lakes are still interested in using the temporary speed bumps, the Highlands are saying no, still working on that.

Commissioner Pisano asked about the boat dock issue.

Attorney Bennett said I did not get a final report from Gayle, the problem was not the type of boat, I think the dock was properly built. Attorney Bennett said for the August 3rd meeting I will be out of town, Gayle will be here and I will get with her to give a report.

There being no further business to come before Council, meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Miriam Santiago
City Clerk