



# city council minutes

July 25, 2016 \* 6:30 p.m.  
Workshop Session

The Belle Isle City Council met in a workshop session on July 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers.

Present was:

Mayor Lydia Pisano  
Vice Mayor/Commissioner Harvey Readey  
Commissioner Gold  
Commissioner Katy McGinnis  
Commissioner Jeremy Weinsier  
Commissioner Bobby Lance  
Commissioner Lenny Mosse  
Commissioner Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

NA

Also present was Attorney Kruppenbacher, Chief Houston and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

Mayor Pisano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Pisano opened Council discussion for consideration of the 1<sup>st</sup> selection of 28 applications for City Manager. Council members individually announced their top candidates for consideration. After discussion, Council agreed to move forward with the following short listed candidates: **2, 3, 6, 12, 16, 17, 23, 24, 26, 39, 50, 55 and 56.**

Mayor Pisano stated that the applications of the top 13 candidates will be forwarded to the City Attorney for background checks and eligibility. Attorney Kruppenbacher said he will work towards an update on the background checks mid August.

## **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Kruppenbacher reported on the following items as follows,

- Attorney Kruppenbacher reported that he took a tour around the City and noticed that the fence at the Perkins Boat Ramp and the signage is in need of repair. He requested painting of the fence and replacement of the signs be added to the items already scheduled for that area.
- He commented on the proposed Orange County kayak and paddleboard project at Warren Park, and stated that he does not recommend removal of the trees to build a road to the proposed ramp. Comm Weinsier clarified and said that Comm Clarke is not proposing a road going into the water area, but creating a walkway in the roundabout area.
- He noted that the City Clerk will maintain a running list of items so that Council is aware of the status of open projects.
- He reported that the City has purchased a 2016 with low mileage truck for Public Works for \$29,000.
- The City was required to remove a tree from a right of way to fix a sidewalk. In doing so it upset an abutting neighbor. He authorized the staff to communicate with the resident and replace the tree. To avoid any situation moving forward, he will be requesting that the City provide door hangers to inform the residents who will be impacted with upcoming projects.

- He reported that he has spoken with a marketing person who will put together a professional newsletter highlighting all the good things happening in the City. She will be meeting with the Clerk and will schedule to also meet with all Commissioners. He recommended sending out the first newsletter introducing all the Commissioners in print and email; future bulletins will be sent via email only.
- Attorney Kruppenbacher provided an update on the Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) meeting. He noted once someone is on the lake, it is the jurisdiction of FWC, on the land, effectively is our jurisdiction. They have passed a Statute in the last work session stating any person who recreationally discharges a firearm outdoors including target shooting, in an area that the person knows or reasonably knows is primarily residential in nature, and that has a residential density of one or more dwellings per acre is committing a misdemeanor.

The hunters take the position that you have to be firing from land for this to be applicable.

Fish and Game takes the position that a crime was committed if the Statute was violated and whether or not the hunters and the foul were harassed. After discussion, the consensus was as follows;

- If it's on the water it will be FWC's responsibility.
- If the Belle Isle PD is called, and if it is concluded that there is no danger, they will notify FWC
- If the Belle Isle PD concludes there is a safety issue, the Belle Isle PD can file a report with the State Attorney's office, provide the facts, and the State division will make a decision to prosecute or not. One of the problems he foresees is the signage that is posted on the lakes by Orange County. His concern is that it is misleading to our residents and the general public stating that individuals cannot hunt on the lake. He further added that it was also made abundantly clear by FWC that Lake Conway will not be designated as a bird sanctuary. Attorney Kruppenbacher said moving forward, if the Belle Isle officers see a threatening situation they would invoke and process a report accordingly with FWC, because the Belle Isle Police Department does not have any jurisdiction on the lake. Attorney Kruppenbacher concluded that it is very important that the City educates our residents and request that Orange County post signs that discourage the hunting and not mislead the public.

After discussion, Attorney Kruppenbacher recommended the Mayor write the FAA with concerns of the hunters on the lake using rifles under the landing pattern to the airport. In turn, Attorney Kruppenbacher will follow up as the Chairman and Attorney for the City.

Attorney Kruppenbacher reported the following active hunting season dates,

- Sept 3-25                      Early Canada goose season
  - Sept 17-21                    Teal & wood duck season
  - Sept 22-25                    Teal duck only season
  - Nov 19-27                    Regular season for ducks and koots; and Dec 10-Jan 29
  - Nov 19-27                    Regular season Canada goose
  - Feb 4-5                        Under 16 youth hunting season for duck and goose
- Attorney Kruppenbacher reported that the Florida League of Cities will be presenting a refinancing proposal to refinance the school bond. He stated that he has researched the City's responsibility under the lease. The City currently cuts the lawn and has caused some issues with staff time. He will schedule a meeting with the Chairman and discuss property maintenance and a clear delineation of responsibilities.
  - Attorney Kruppenbacher reported that Middlesex will be sending a letter stating that they specifically informed the previous City Manager that the brushes/grinders may leave marks on the curb. If the City receives the letter he will recommend that the City not pursue repair.
  - Attorney Kruppenbacher shared his concern with civility from residents and staff. He will bring forward a Code of Civility that will bind residents, staff and Council as a way of conduct.

Comm Nielsen asked if the City has received a report on the findings on the status of the Police Department building. Attorney Kruppenbacher stated that the Agency staff will be moving into City Hall for 6-8 weeks while the inspection is on its way.

Comm Lance asked for confirmation of start time for confirmation of the Police Department Senior Tea Party. Mayor Pisano stated that it will start at 10:30am. He also reported a tree down south on Daetwyler Road.

There being no further business Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn, unanimously approved, at 7:30 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno  
CMC, City Clerk

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