



# city council minutes

MINUTES  
October 30, 2017 \* 6:00 p.m.  
Special Called Session

The Belle Isle City Council met in a Special Called session on October 30, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Belle Isle City Hall Council Chambers.

Present was:

Mayor Lydia Pisano  
Vice Mayor/Commissioner Harvey Readey  
Commissioner Gold  
Commissioner Anthony Carugno  
Commissioner Jeremy Weinsier  
Commissioner Bobby Lance  
Commissioner Sue Nielsen

Absent was:

District 6 - OPEN

Also present was City Manager Bob Francis, Attorney John Bennett, Chief Laura Houston and City Clerk Yolanda Quiceno.

## CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pisano called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and the City Clerk confirmed quorum. Vice Mayor Readey gave the invocation and led the Pledge to the flag.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Approval of the Holiday events budget

Mayor Pisano presented the Santa Night event budget totaling \$4,230.00 for discussion. Mayor reported that some of the items in the budget, such as the Christmas tree, decorations and lights, may be given as an in-kind donation. She further reported that the Special events Committee approved to increase Santa's appreciation fee to \$200.00. The Committee's consensus was to move forward with Santa Night.

Comm Nielsen asked how the City staff hours will be allocated. The budget that was presented is a bare bones budget and does not include the other holiday events or separate costs of city services. At the last Council meeting the social media policy was discussed and the proposed budget does not meet the requirements of the policy.

Mayor Pisano said the Santa Night event is the bigger event and needs to be coordinated and advertised as soon as possible. The other events will be added to the November 7<sup>th</sup> budget for discussion and approval. Discussion ensued on policy procedures and event coordination.

City Manager Francis provided an updated budget for Santa Night which included revenues, expenses, cost share totals with other holiday events and in-kind donations which totaled \$5,456 of which \$3,889 would come from the special events line item in the City's General Fund budget. The other Holiday events will come before Council for approval at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

After discussion, Comm Weinsier asked if the event is covered by the City's General Liability Insurance. City Manager Francis said the event is covered, other than any amusement park activity which is not part of this event. In addition, the City owns the school property so the Charter School does not have to be named as a secondary insurer.

**Comm Weinsier motioned to approve the budget as presented by City Manager Francis.**

**Comm Carugno seconded the motion.**

**Motion passed 5:1 with Comm Nielsen, nay.**

### **Ordinance 17-15 No Wake Zone update**

City Manager Francis gave an update on Ordinance 17-15 – No Wake Zone. He said when the City Council passed the Ordinance it was under a State of Emergency and sent to Florida Wildlife Commission (FWC) for approval under FL Statutes 327. He was advised by FWC, if the City is going to enforce the ordinance it will be able to continue enforcement under FL Statute 250.50 with FWC approval. On September 4, Governor Scott issued a State of Emergency which will expire on November 3, 2017. If the State of Emergency is not extended, Ordinance 17-15 will automatically expire along with the 60 day benchmark. Discussion ensued.

Comm Gold asked if the Ordinance continues to be a priority. City Manager Francis said the lake levels are still high. One of the issues that exist is the navigational hazard of the floating debris in the Lake. He stated for the record, the City did not put this in place to safeguard the shoreline but for the safety of the lake users and the floating debris.

Officer Herbert Frerking from FWC with offices at 1239 SW 10th Street, Ocala FL 34771 said ultimately FWC is the approval agency on permitting signs and enforcement of County Ordinances on Lake Conway. Based upon that, there needs to be evidence that there is a building and safety need for approval of any code change. There is usually a high threshold to obtain approval, such as high number of boating accidents and citations before consideration.

Randy Holihan residing at 2513 Trentwood Blvd asked where is the navigational hazard and how are they being addressed. Mr. Francis said, as an example, there was part of a boat dock that was found around Delia Beach; the other half remains in the lake. Mr. Francis stated if any lake user finds any navigational hazard they should call the Police Department Marine Patrol or City Hall. Discussion ensued on the lake water level.

**Based upon the discussion, Comm Weinsier motioned to repeal Ordinance 17-15.**

**Comm Gold seconded the motion for discussion.**

Comm Lance said the ordinance was not enacted for shoreline restoration but for safety concerns on the hurricane debris. Since that is the case, he is in support to repeal the ordinance. He did state that residents should remain conscious of the shoreline and stay away from the shore where possible.

**After discussion, motion failed 3:3 with Comm Nielsen, Comm Readey and Comm Carugno, nay.**

### **Resolution 17-26 Local Mitigation Strategy**

City Manager Francis reported that the City was contacted by Orange County to be part of the Local Mitigation Strategy. This Resolution joins Orange County and the Municipalities in Orange County. The down side for not joining the Local Mitigation Strategy is that the City will not be able to apply for FEMA assistance for future projects.

**Comm Weinsier motioned to approve Resolution 17-26.**

**Comm Lance seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Mayor Pisano called for a motion to adjourn, unanimously approved at 6:45 p.m.

Yolanda Quiceno, CMC, City Clerk