

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 25, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, March 25th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Pam McGregor, Doane Sells, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Chris Zach. Mike Nondorf was absent

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson and City Clerk Russ Piroutek.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Shawn Herring and Katy Duryea.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11th, 2024 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18th, 2024 special Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

After some questions, Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shaun Herring addressed the Council, requesting an alley and part of N Street that is adjacent to his property be vacated. After some questions from the Council and discussion how the land is vacated, Mike Palmquist made a motion to vacate the alley and portion of N Street, between M and N Street, just north of the railroad tracks. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four yeas and one abstain by Doane Sells. An ordinance will be drawn up and brought back to a future meeting.

Katy Duryea, Belleville Chamber Director gave an update on activities and events with the Chamber of Commerce. The Council had some questions, but no action was taken.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on grants for improvements at the bandshell. No action was taken.

A change order for the Water Treatment Plant was submitted for approval. The Change order is to replace more 12” pipe than originally figured. The Cost will be \$19,000 and extend the finish date by 5 more days. The Council was frustrated with the extension of days, but felt there was no other choice. Doane Sells made a motion to approve the change order. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. An additional change order for electric upgrades was submitted, but this will be done by City staff in house.

James Doyle made a motion to approve the use of the City Park for the Tour Nebraska driving event on June 1st, 2024. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four yeas and one abstain by Doane Sells.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a street closing permit for the Tour Nebraska driving event on June 1st, 2024. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four yeas and one abstain by Doane Sells.

The Council discussed replacing the smaller bucket truck. The cost of a new truck would be \$205,000 and lead time would be at least 28 months. There are funds in the Equipment Reserve Fund. The Council decided the City should first check with Rolling Hills Electric or NextEra for any used trucks.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve applications for cereal malt beverage licenses for the Chamber of Commerce-Fair Amusement, 608 O Street, Grandstands and Beer Garden for consumption on premises only, for 2024. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four yeas and one abstain by James Doyle.

The Governing Body briefly looked at the second floor of the City Office. No action was taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to authorize the opening of a checking account at Astra bank to deposit funds for the City housing incentive, as Blake Hoffman has applied for the funds, and authorize City Clerk Russ Piroutek as signee for the account. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to advertise for an additional employee at the Power Plant. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session regarding data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the Mayor, Council, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:00 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:49 p.m. The Council returned at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

The Council briefly talked about the vacancy at City Attorney. City Manager Anderson stated that Andy Lohman, with Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar will be in Belleville tomorrow and plans on stopping by the City Office.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Chris Zach thanked City staff for their work.

Mike Palmquist wanted everyone to keep Jason Brinegar's family in their thoughts and prayers.

James Doyle commented on what an asset Jason and his firm was to the Council and how he will be missed in all the communities he was involved with.

Doane Sells also commented on the loss of Jason Brinegar.

Pam McGregor commented on how many great things Belleville has to offer and went through a list of businesses and services her family has used in just the last couple weeks.

Mayor Robertson commented on how community involved Jason was and how his law firm has been an asset to the City over the years.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk