

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Governing Body met at 6:00 p.m. for a planning session to discuss upcoming and finished projects with Public Works Director Brian Phillips. The Governing Body also discussed utility extension and annexation with Dan Douglas who is wanting to develop residential lots on the west edge of Belleville.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Snodgrass offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, Public Works Director Brian Phillips and Electric Supervisor Tyson Knox.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Shawn Herring, Diane Boman, Dan Douglas and Rick Snodgrass.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 25th, 2024 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle 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:

The Council discussed replacing the 2012 bucket truck. Staff looked at used units, but were concerned about what kind of shape they would be in. After more discussion, the Council felt that a truck the City purchased would not be put through harsh environments, and therefore could last longer. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with a quote provided from Altec for \$205,000, however, there were some questions on the quote that was supplied. Staff will get the questions answered and bring back an updated quote to the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Jon Jensen to the Belleville Housing Authority Board of Directors, for a four-year term. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for a street closing on P Street, from 24th to 26th Street, for Republic County High School Prom, on April 27, 2024. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for a one cent per kilo-watt reduction for Gardner Repair, 1109 28th Street. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council briefly discussed vacating a portion of N Street and an alley just north of the railroad tracks. However, there were questions on the cost of publishing the required notices so the subject was tabled.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on upcoming grants the City will be applying for.

Jay Kallman, Kallman Insurance Services, presented the 2024 insurance policy and premiums to the Governing Body. After reviewing the policy, Mike Palmquist made a motion to accept the policy as presented. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to conduct appointed position evaluations, with the Mayor, Council and City Manager, and return to the Council room at 8:00 p.m. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:30 p.m. The Council returned at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Robertson recommended the Council appoint Russ Piroutek as City Clerk, Chris Springer as Police Chief and Scott Condray as Municipal Judge. Mike Palmquist made a motion to accept the Mayor's recommendations for appointed positions. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session regarding personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, Council, City Manager, City Clerk and Police Chief, and return to the Council room at 8:15 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:05 p.m. The Council returned at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken.

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 8:30 p.m. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:15 p.m. The Council returned at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Chris Zach commented on the large attendance at the Easter Egg hunt.

Mike Palmquist thanked everyone who attended the meeting this evening, and felt like the Council had accomplished many things.

James Doyle commented that the City was now a couple weeks closer to the Treatment Plant being finished.

Doane Sells mentioned staff installing the fountain at Rocky Pond, planting trees and progress at the Power Plant.

Mike Nondorf commented on all the pelicans at Rocky Pond the last couple weeks.

Pam McGregor thanked City crews as they started City Wide Cleanup.

Mayor Robertson commented on how well the Easter Egg Hunt was attended.

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 8:41 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk