

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, April 22, 2024  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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. Pastor Pam McGregor 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 and City Attorney Andy Lohman.

Others present: Shaun Herring, Ellen Ball, Jean Meyer, Daniel Meyer, Larry and Analiese Bruner, Charles Barrows, and Sam Alexander.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 regular 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:

Resolution No. 2024-007 regarding the repair of an unsafe structure at 912 N Street was presented. A public hearing was held, there were no comments from the public. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-007, providing 30 days for the owner to fix or remove the structure on the property. Chris Zack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2024-008 regarding the repair of an unsafe structure at 1308 21<sup>st</sup> Street was presented. A public hearing was held. Power of attorney for the property, Ellen Ball, addressed the Council regarding the structure. Family still has items stored in the house, but has had some interest from neighbors in purchasing the property. Mrs. Ball was in agreeance that 30 days would be appropriate to finish these tasks. She will stay in contact with City Staff

on progress. James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-008, providing 30 days for the owner to fix or remove the structure on the property. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2024-009 regarding the repair of an unsafe structure at 1201 K Street was presented. A public hearing was held. Owner Jean Meyer addressed the Council regarding the structure. She would like to fix the structure but does not have the funds to do so. Other options with the property were discussed. Miss Meyer requested 90 days to either get the property fixed, sold or demolished. She will stay in contact with City Staff on progress. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-008, providing 90 days for the owner to fix or remove the structure on the property. Chris Zack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Resolution No. 2024-010 regarding the repair of an unsafe structure at 901 N Street was presented. A public hearing was held. Owner Larry Bruner addressed the Council. He was upset the City has cleaned his property before, upset the enforcement officer went onto the property to take more pictures, claimed law enforcement was not doing anything and called the governing body “tyrants” and “thieves.” However, Mr. Bruner provided no plan or schedule to fix or remove the unsafe structure. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-10, providing 30 days for the owner to fix or remove the structure on the property. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 bucket truck, not to exceed the cost of \$210,852, to be paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. Chris Zack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson provided a list of different Boards and Commissions within the City of Belleville. Board members were identified along with times they meet. No action was taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an updated contract with Nebraska Public Power District and the Western Area Power Administration, regarding allocated WAPA power to the City of Belleville. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Claudia Davis and Daryl Rieke to replace Brenda Alstatt and Denise Dove to the Library Board of Directors. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Sam Alexander, with the Chamber Design Committee joined the meeting to discuss paint colors for the Bandshell. The committee made recommendations but wanted Council input. After some discussion, the Council recommended proceeding with the committee’s recommendation.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, with the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:25 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The

Governing Body left for executive session at 8:07 p.m. The Council returned at 8:25 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson was pleased that property owners came to the meeting to discuss the unsafe structures.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells mentioned the success of the Art Walk and reminded every one of the upcoming fishing Derby and alumni events.

Mike Nondorf thanked the City workers.

Pam McGregor thanked the property owners who attended the meeting.

James Doyle stated that the City has always granted an extension to those who have asked for one. He also thanked City Manager Anderson and City Attorney Lohman for their professionalism this evening.

Mike Palmquist thanked those who attended the meeting who wanted to work with the City regarding their lots. He also commented on how much better the town looks compared to 5 years ago.

Chris Zack offered his condolences to Mike Nondorf and his family for the loss of his sister.

Mayor Robertson felt like the City Council was moving in the right direction.

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 8:37 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk