

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, May 13, 2024  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Council met at 6:00 p.m. at the Water Treatment Plant to tour the facility and get an update on progress.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Pastor Pam McGregor offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE:

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 Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chirs Springer, Jon Strowig, Diane Boman, Annette Bredthauer and Terry Marcotte.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 regular Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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:

Diane Boman reminded everyone that it is National Law Enforcement Week and thanked those who are in the Belleville Police Department and the Republic County Sherriff's Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

John McChesney gave an update on the Municipal Power Plant. Bids for the concrete will be coming up soon. More work needs to be done with the overhead crane. A breaker panel was ordered for the new engine. The cost is approximately \$30,000 to be paid out of the Electric Reserve fund. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the purchase of the breaker panel for \$30,000, with Mike Nondorf seconded the motion. There was discussion whether \$30,000 would cover the entire cost. The motion did not pass on a voice vote of one yea and five nays. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the purchase of the breaker panel, not to exceed

the cost of \$35,000 to be paid for from the Electric Reserve Fund. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on summer recreation activities. The pool has been filled and is scheduled to open Memorial weekend. All lifeguards have been hired. Summer ball games have been scheduled. Co-directors have been hired for the Rec Bus, along with other staff. The Council briefly discussed the paint on the bandshell. There was some concern from coaches that baseballs thrown from the pitcher could be harder to see during games at the Legion field due to the color of paint. This will be monitored throughout the season.

Annette Bredthauer addressed the Council regarding vacating a portion of east 16<sup>th</sup> Street. By vacating the part of the street that ends at the asphalt, portions would go back to 3 different property owners. After questions and discussion from the Council, it was decided to table the request until the City Attorney could look over the request.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage Special Event License, for the Krazy Kracken, on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, on the City lot at 18<sup>th</sup> & M Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An estimate from Campbell & Johnson, P.A. was reviewed. The estimate was for engineering costs to continue the road north of Love's Travel and to continue the road south to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The total for both sections was \$64,075. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the estimates as presented, and pay for the engineering out of the City Capital Improvement Fund. Chris Zack seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for the use of the downtown lot for a music event coordinated by local Kansas Empowerment Committee (formally Kansas Pride). Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to authorize the opening of a checking account at New Century Bank to deposit funds for the City housing incentive, as Roger Fuller 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.

Charter Ordinance No. 15 was discussed by the Governing Body. This Ordinance would exempt the City from the requirement to designate a newspaper for official publications. It would allow the City to choose the use of the City's website or continue to use the Belleville Telescope to make official publications. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the ordinance as written. James Doyle seconded the motion. The Council spent time discussing which items would be printed with either source, or if both would be used for everything. There was discussion about changing some of the wording in the Ordinance, but ultimately it was the consensus of the Council to discuss this with the City Attorney when there is one present at a meeting. With a roll-call vote of zero yeas and six nays, the motion failed, and the item will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session to discuss employer and employee relations and negotiations, with the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:10 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried

unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:54 p.m. The Council returned at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A supervisor with APAC Kansas, Inc will be at the next meeting to discuss the timeframe of finishing the Water Treatment Plant.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor appreciates everything the City employees do.

Mike Nondorf commented on how nice many of the yards in town are looking.

Doane Sells commented on the upcoming car show and the success of the fishing derby.

James Doyle congratulated Pam on receiving her Master's Degree. He also commented on grants for the Blair Theater for summer movies and the Race Track to finish the ADA ramp.

Mike Palmquist commented on the tour of the Treatment Plant and how nice the town is looking.

Chris Zack also thanked the City workers and was excited to see the Splash Pad open.

Mayor Robertson thanked the City workers and mentioned a radio interview he was doing.

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 8:24 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk