

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Tuesday May 28, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Tuesday, May 28th, 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. City Manager Adam Anderson offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: 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 Foreman John McChesney

Others present: Cody Williams, Keithen Meyer, Diane Bowman, Shaun Herring, Chris Springer, Coleman Younger and Jon Strowig.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 13^h, 2024 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle 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:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Robertson made a recommendation to appoint Coleman Younger as City Attorney, with the vacancy left by the passing of Jason Brinegar and with Andy Lohman leaving Galloway, Weigers and Brinegar. A motion was made to appoint Coleman Younger as City Attorney and seconded by James Doyle. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Cody Williams with APAC Kansas, Inc and Keithen Meyer, with Schwab-Eaton, P.A. addressed the Governing Body regarding the delays at the Water Treatment Plant. The main issue is check valves that were ordered in September of 2022 that have not been received yet. They are hoping that by the end of this week or next they will be here. Other issues are damage to the skid received on March 20, 2024, and access to internet at the site. The damaged skid is getting replacement parts, and the internet is scheduled to be installed as soon as the ground

dries out. When pressed on when the plant will be up and running, Mr. William stressed that as soon as the valves are here, they should be able to start testing the week of June 10th. No action was taken

Two bids were reviewed regarding the concrete work at the power plant. The City received a low bid of \$29,000 from JM Custom Builders, but there were no line items included on the bid, while the other bid was from Hoge Masonry for \$37,500, which included much more detail. After some discussion and questions for the City Attorney, it was decided to have JM Custom Builders provide more details regarding their bid so a decision can be made at the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1067, vacating a portion of N Street, east of M Street, north of the railroad tracks. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1068, authorizing the City to remove an unsafe structure at 901 N Street. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice roll-call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1069, authorizing the City to remove an unsafe structure at 912 N Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice roll-call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1070, authorizing the City to remove an unsafe structure at 1308 21st Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice roll-call vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-011, setting the City Attorney salary at \$2,000 per month for the first 20 hours of work each month, and then \$150 per hour after that. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An engineering agreement from Campbell and Johnson was presented for the engineering of the street north and south of Love's Travel Center. Mike Palmquist made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Coleman Younger thanked the Council for appointing him as City Attorney, and he is excited to be back in the Belleville area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson reminded everyone of the filing deadline of June 3rd for Council positions.

Two estimates were received to remove the unsafe structures at 901 N Street and 912 N Street. Brandon Jenson submitted an estimate of \$11,500 for both structures and removal of some trees/shrubs, while Diehl Enterprise submitted an estimate of \$9,000 for both. The Governing Body had some concerns about the estimate of Diehl Enterprise, as they did not

come to Belleville to physically look at the properties. After some discussion with the City Attorney, Mike Palmquist made a motion approve the estimate from Brandon Jenson, with final approval from legal counsel. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Power Plant is looking into purchasing a scissor lift. Quotes for both new and used ones from multiple vendors were presented to the Council. There were concerns of battery life on the used ones. After some discussion, the Council instructed Power Plant Foreman John McChesney to go look at the condition of some of the used ones.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Chris Zach mentioned he is not filing for a full term as Councilmember, due to family obligations. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped with activities this last weekend.

Mike Palmquist welcomed Coleman to the Governing Body. He also commented on how nice Rocky Pond looks and the Water Treatment Plant schedule.

James Doyle was thankful for all the rain and commented on the amount of mowing the City crews are having to do.

Doane Sells also commented on how well the town looks and the upcoming Nebraska Car Tour.

Mike Nondorf mentioned how nice the cemetery looks.

Mayor Robertson commented on trees needed to be planted around the Water Treatment Plant, the events the past weekend and parts of the promotion video will be filmed this weekend.

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 8:07 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk