

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 10, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Council met at 6:00 p.m. for a study session to discuss the upcoming 2025 budget, a water purchase agreement with Rural Water and a proposal from the Blair Theater.

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.

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, City Attorney Coleman Younger and Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Jon Strowig, Diane Boman, Russell Shipley, Rick Snodgrass and Arlene Clayton.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28th, 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:

Arlene Clayton talked about the Car Tour and health care field.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an agreement with Rural Water District #2 for the purchase of treated water, with one change to the level of nitrates, contingent on the approval of the City Attorney. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Russell Shipley, with Shipley CPA, provided the 2023 audit to the Council. After reviewing the audit and answering some questions from the Council, Mike Palmquist made a motion to

accept the audit as presented. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve the appointment of Deb Huls to the Belleville Housing Authority for a four-year term. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney and Power Plant Supervisor John McChesney, and return to the Council room at 7:35 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:24 p.m. The Council returned at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken.

The Council discussed the concrete bids that were submitted for the power plant. City Manager Anderson reported that an itemized quote was discussed with JM Custom Builders, but nothing further was submitted. KDHE had given permission that the concrete work could start any time. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the quote from Hoge Crete for \$37,500, even though it was the higher bid, but he could start immediately. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to set a public hearing for July 8th to hear comments regarding vacating a portion of east 16th Street. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An interested party approached City Staff wanting to volunteer cleaning and thinning out the flowers at the cemetery. In exchange for work done, they would like to sell some of the flowers that are thinned out. The Governing Body has some concerns and wanted the City Attorney to write up a liability release for any volunteers at the cemetery.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Younger will work with staff on a number of items in the next few weeks.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The City will move forward with the bids from Branden Jensen to remove two unsafe structures.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor was pleased with the audit report.

Mike Nondorf commented on how well the car tour went.

Doane Sells thanked everyone who helped with the car tour.

James Doyle also commented on the audit and was thankful for the rain.

Mike Palmquist mentioned how good Rocky Pond looks and how well the Car Tour was.

Chis Zach thanked Doane for all the work he did with the Car Tour and also thanked the City workers for all they do.

Mayor Robertson echoed what others had stated regarding the audit, car tour and Rocky Pond and the Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk