

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 24, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 24th, 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 Amos McCarthy offered the opening prayer and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle and Mike Palmquist.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and City Attorney Coleman Younger.

Others present: Tyler Ostermeyer, Fred Arnold, Amos McCarthy, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass, David Blecha, Deanna Morris, Diane Boman, Kelsey McKinley and Jon Strowig.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2024 regular Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells 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:

David Blecha, Chamber of Commerce president, read a statement regarding the recent resignation of Chamber Director Katy Duryea. The Chamber will start the process of searching for a new Director.

City Manager Anderson provided an update on the Water Treatment Plant. The Plant was very close to being operational on Friday, June 21st, but a few issues arose. The main problem is with the Chlorinator. There are a few other small issues, but it will take until July 8th before the chlorinator can be addressed. There will be a progress meeting on Wednesday, June 26 at the City Office with APAC, and Schwab-Eaton.

City Manager Anderson went through the proposed 2025 budget that was provided in the packet. The proposed budget does not increase the mil levy and falls within the revenue

neutral rate provided by the County. Individual funds were discussed and any changes within them. The Council recommended to continue with the Recreation Director pay throughout the entire year, and include more funds for Economic Development. These changes will be worked in the budget and be brought back to the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to set a public hearing for July 22nd, to hear comments regarding a request to vacate an alley going east and west, between P and Q Streets and 20th & 21st Streets. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council briefly discussed the request from last meeting of an individual wanting to clean and thin out flowers at the City Cemetery. Staff has received concerns from the public not wanting other people on their lots. After more discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to let lot owners contact the individual themselves if they want to have anything done with their lots.

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 Clerk and City Attorney, 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 7:56 p.m. The Council returned at 8:10 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Younger mentioned his law firm is open for business at the old Navis Law Office.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Information was provided for the League Conference in Wichita. City Manager Anderson also commented on how much City staff has assisted in the construction of the Water Treatment Plant.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf mentioned how nice the town looks.

Doane Sells asked if there has been any application submitted for the Power Plant position. He also commented on the upcoming Fishing Derby and how the pool, ball fields and splash pad is being used.

James Doyle would like to see a list of improvements or repairs that will need to be made at the sewer plant over the next 5-10 years. There will be races on July 3rd at the Highbanks, and the area that fireworks will be shot will be more than 1/2 mile from where the bald eagle nest is. Many grant opportunities are being pursued.

Mike Palmquist commented on how well Rocky Pond looks and wanted to make sure employees are safe during the heat.

Mayor Robertson commented on street repairs near the elementary school. Repairs on P Street are scheduled for this summer. He also mentioned upkeep at the ballfields.

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 8:25 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk