

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, July 8, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, July 8th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Council met at 6:00 p.m. for a study session with Katrina Sorell, Library Director, giving a presentation about the Library, and Loretta Cole, Recreation Director, gave an update on Rec activities and the Pool.

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, Sewer Plant Foreman Operator Jeff Mudd and Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Katrina Sorell, Waylon Sheetz, Fred Arnold, Jon Strowig, Diane Boman, Chris Springer, Jon Strowig and Rick Snodgrass.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 24th, 2024 regular Council Meeting. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Mudd, Sewer Plant Foreman, gave an update on items that are currently being worked on, and what needs to be replaced in the next 5-10 years at the sewer plant. No action was taken.

John McChesney gave an update on the Power Plant. Hoge Masonry is making progress with the concrete work. A 2015 Genie scissor lift with 360 was looked at in Wichita, and looks like it will work well in the Power Plant. The cost of the lift will be \$7,417.50 plus shipping. The City will proceed with the purchase. City Manager Anderson spoke with Rolling Hills Representatives regarding purchasing electricity from the City. They indicated possibly

purchasing power at peak times, but will discuss it more. Quotes were received to perform an electric system fault study, which would help the City provide more reliable power. The Council requested more information on the scope of work and the costs.

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding the vacating a portion of 16th street on the east end of Belleville. No comments were heard from the public. The Council had concerns if all the property owners adjacent to the vacating were aware of the public hearing. It was the consensus of the Council to have City staff reach out to them to double check before approval of vacating the street.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to notify the County that the City will not exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate for the 2025 Budget, and set a public hearing. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An update on the progress at the Water Treatment Plant was given. There are still issues with the pumps for the chlorinator and the flow meter. Other items are getting finished up as crews are addressing these problems.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Federal Aviation Association, for grant funds to have the Airport runway re-surfaced. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

James Doyle 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 and City Attorney, and return to the Council room at 8:00 p.m. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:42 p.m. The Council returned at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

James Doyle 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 8:20 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:01 p.m. The Council returned at 8:20 p.m. James Doyle made a motion to authorize Adam Anderson to speak on behalf of the Council with local business entities regarding utility billing methods and potential discrepancy corrections. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Demolition begun on the structure at 901 N Street. The property owner is currently out of town but requested the car not be removed from the property, and he would remove it before July 18, 2024.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Chris Zach commented on the upcoming fair.

Mike Palmquist commented on a property on K Street needing cleaned up.

James Doyle talked about upcoming grants, nuisance properties, races and cameras at Rocky Pond.

Doane Sells gave an update on the fishing derbies sponsored by Community Empowerment.

Mike Nondorf commented on how well the town looks.

Pam McGregor was pleased the community could work together to find a solution to move the fireworks show from Rocky Pond.

Mayor Robertson asked about the lead pipe survey and the basketball goals at the park.

ADJOURNMENT:

Doane Sells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which did not pass on a voice vote of two (2) yeas and four (4) nays.

Items for the next agenda were discussed.

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 8:44 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk