

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, July 22, 2024  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Rick Snodgrass offered the opening prayer and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Pam McGregor, Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle and Mike Palmquist. Chris Zach was absent

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass, Jay Kallman, Fred & Connie Levendofsky, Marvin & Patricia Purvis, Albert Haskins, Arlanda Murdock, Nick Levendofsky, Cheri Williams, Jessica Sanders, Diane Boman, and Jon Strowig.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 8<sup>th</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:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cody Williams, Branch Manager of APAC Kansas, answered questions from the Council on why the Water Treatment Plant is still not operational. A few replacement parts should be here this week. The chlorinator is now operational, but they still need the flow meters delivered. City staff is still working on the VPN.

Quotes for an Electric Fault Study were reviewed. After some discussion, Mike Palmquist made a motion to go with the low bid from KMEA of \$15,000 for the study. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Governing Body discussed vacating a portion of East 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Concerns were raised by one of the property owners if the City would continue to provide services, such as snow removal, utilities, etc., to her property if the Council approved the request. Albert Haskins, representing the property owner addressed the Council with the concerns she had. The part of 16<sup>th</sup> Street that the City would vacate would be past the end of the pavement, and would not affect any services to the property. James Doyle made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1071, along with providing a written statement to the property owners, that all City services that they currently receive would continue. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A request was submitted to vacate the alley running east and west between P and Q Streets and 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets. Both the applicant and other property owners on the block made comments to the Council, in support and against the request to vacate. After more discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the decision so Councilmembers have time to view the alley themselves.

The condition of the property at 2727 N Street was discussed. The weeds in the back yard are over 6 feet high, and the fence is falling over into the neighbor's back yard. Cheri Williams, owner of the property to the east shared her concerns of the weeds and fence. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No 2024-012, declaring the property at 2727 N Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council addressed a request to have farm animals on the property at 1653 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The property had previously had horses on it, and still has sufficient fencing and barns to house animals. A potential buyer of the property wanted to get approval prior to purchasing the property. The Council tabled the decision until the application is turned in to see the type and number of animals on the property.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a 6-month agreement with Republic County Solid Waste for solid waste fees of \$13,445.82 per month. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave a report on gas rates. It has been 10 years since gas rates have changed, and the City's cash balance in the gas fund has decreased over the last few years. After a short discussion, 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 8:23 p.m. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:03 p.m. The Council returned at 8:23 p.m. No action was taken. City Manager Anderson continued his presentation on information on gas rates. Along with a small rate increase, City staff will work on conforming the different City rates into one common rate. An ordinance will be brought back to a future meeting.

Police Chief Chris Springer introduced Jessica Sanders as the newest City Police Officer. She will attend academy later this fall.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a street closing permit for the Republic Co Fairboard, for the north part of O Street along the Fairgrounds, from July 27<sup>th</sup> through August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Court was well attended earlier today.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The deadline to sign up for the League of Kansas Municipalities annual conference is Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist apologized for his demeanor while discussing the Water Treatment Plant. He also mentioned Rocky Pond, the need of a boom mower, sidewalks, and no parking along 23<sup>rd</sup> and K Street.

Jame Doyle commented on how the fair is right around the corner, along with the Treatment Plant, parking, grants, and sidewalks.

Doane Sells reminded every one of the Health Screening on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fishing Derby on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mike Nondorf also commented on looking into no parking on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and K Street.

Pam McGregor thanked those who attended the meeting, and encouraged those who only comment about City issues on social media to come to a meeting and talk about those items face to face.

Mayor Robertson agreed with the frustration of the continued issues with the Water Treatment Plant. He also asked about assessment of properties that the City has torn down structures.

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 8:50 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk