

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, August 12th, 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 hear information from Lannin Zoltenko, Wildcat Blockchain, regarding the potential for large electric consumption.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Pam McGregor 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, Diane Boman, Arlanda Murdock, Hans Hansen, Lannin Zoltenko, Marvin and Pat Purvis.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22nd, 2024 regular Council Meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

John McChesney gave an update on the Power Plant. Hoge Masonry is making progress with the concrete work. The permit from KDHE may be delayed, but Donna with Power Plant Compliance will check on it. IDS, Inc is continuing with the engine rebuild.

An Ordinance vacating an alley behind 2014 Q Street was addressed. The property owners that submitted the application and an additional property owner, who did not want the alley vacated, attended the meeting. After much discussion, a compromise was reached that was acceptable by all parties, without vacating the alley. No action was taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-013, declaring the property at 2312 O Street a nuisance. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed a proposed resolution that would repeal assessments on properties within Belleville. After a short discussion, 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 8:05 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:53 p.m. The Council returned at 8:05 p.m. It was the consensus of the Council not to approve the Resolution at this time, but possibly look into a program that would address the removal of assessments off of property taxes in the future. No other action was taken.

A public hearing was held regarding the final adoption of the 2025 budget. No comments were heard from the public. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the 2025 budget as presented. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1073, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 1201 K Street. Chris Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the Water Treatment Plant. The plant went online August 1st. The first test of nitrates came back at 5.8 ppm from KDHE. Staff is continuing to work on learning the processes. A final inspection with APAC and KDHE will happen later in August.

A claim for damages was received from Mia Caracciolo, 2615 K Street, for damages caused during an electrical upgrade being done by the City. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the reimbursement of \$696.67 to Ms. Caracciolo, for a damaged receiver. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for the use of the downtown lot, submitted by the Main Street Tabernacle, for a Fall Festival, on October 31st, 2024. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson thanked all the employees who helped get the Water Treatment Plant online.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf thought the fair was well attended.

Doane Sells commented on the parking at the fairgrounds, health screening and fishing tournament.

Pam McGregor mentioned her family had a good time at the races.

Mike Palmquist thanked Lannin Zoltenko for coming and wanted to discuss parking along 23rd street and K Street.

James Doyle thanked everyone who helped with the fair and the races, and also commented on the parking.

Chris Zach echoed everyone else's comments.

Mayor Robertson asked about tree removal by the City crews.

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 8:35 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk