

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 23, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Council met at 5:45 p.m. for a study session to hear information from Jeff Siegler regarding downtown revitalization and economic growth.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Amos McCarthy offered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE:

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, City Attorney Coleman Younger, Power Plant Supervisor John McChesney and Electric Supervisor Tyson Knox.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Diane Boman, Chris Springer, Amos McCarthy, Joe Pachta, and Rick Snodgrass.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 9th, 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:

John McChesney gave an update on the power plant. The engine is progressing. Hoge Crete will go ahead and pour the pad for the exhaust stack since it is getting late in the year. Two quotes were submitted for approval. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a quote from Midwest Machinery for 2 heat exchangers totaling \$44,056.47 and another quote from Kirby Risk for a neutral grounding reactor, for \$18,171.77. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The City received quotes for installing 375 feet of sidewalk along O Street from the Elementary School to the High School. Hoge Masonry had the low bid of \$18,775. Joe Pacht, who owns property on O Street was opposed to installation of a sidewalk in front of his house. After discussion, the Council thought the sidewalk could be moved to P Street. However, there is a lot less existing sidewalks along P Street, and a large drainage ditch to cross. This would add significant cost to the project. Crosswalks and flashing intersection lights were discussed, but the Council would want to install these at the same intersections as the sidewalks. After a lengthy discussion, and the Governing Body wanting to move forward with sidewalk installation, Mike Palmquist made a motion to spend up to \$19,000 to install sidewalks along M Street, if the contractor agrees to it, and bring back costs of sidewalks along P Street, along with costs for crosswalks and lights at intersections. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four yeas and one abstain from Doane Sells.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for a street closing for the Autumn Fest on October 5th, from 8 am to 2 pm. The request is to close M Street from 17th to 19th Street. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for a street closing for a Fall Fest on October 6th, from 4:30 pm to 8 pm. The request is to close Q Street from 18th to 19th Street in front of the Catholic Church. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Nuisances at 2030 J Street were discussed. The Governing Body approved to abate the property some time back, but there is still question on what to do with the vehicles on the property. After a brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to clean everything else up, and deal with the vehicles at a later date.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, to discuss the City Manager's evaluation, and return to the Council room at 8:05 p.m. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:43 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:01 p.m. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-016, approving the City Manager's contract, and have the Governing Body meet with City Manager Anderson at the next meeting to review his evaluation. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Tyson Knox, Electric Department Supervisor gave a quick report on 2,400-volt conversion and the coordination study being done by KMEA.

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 8:25 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:11 p.m. The Council returned at 8:25 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Younger submitted his letter of resignation. His partner, will be at the next meeting.

CITY CLERK REPORT:

City staff has finished entering all information into the Cemetery software. It will be available to the public in the next week or two.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor thanked City Attorney Younger for his time with the City.

Mike Nondorf mentioned how nice the new overlaid streets are.

Doane commented on house tear down, the KanCycle program and upcoming fishing derby.

Mayor Robertson commented on the upcoming League of Kansas Municipalities Conference.

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