

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, October 14th, 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 Sherriff Dave Cox regarding ideas for the Republic County Public Safety Building, concerns about the Wildcat Blockchain proposal and a Chamber update.

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.

ATTENDENCE:

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

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson and City Clerk Russ Piroutek.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Diane Boman, Chris Springer, Jon Strowig, Deanna Morris, Arlene Clayton, Molly Potuzak-Springer, Dave Cox, and Rick Snodgrass.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 23rd, 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:

Arlene Clayton commented on the esthetics of her neighbor's house.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Governing Body tabled appointment of Chris Phillippy as City Attorney until he is present at a meeting.

The Council discussed sidewalk replacement. Hoge Masonry agreed to do sections on M Street for the price he quoted. He will work this into his schedule. Sidewalks, cross walks and flashing crossing signs were discussed for the intersections at 23rd & O and 23rd & P Streets. It was the consensus of the Council to have some crossing signs installed at 23rd and O Street.

Republic County Economic Development made a request for the City to help fund part of the cost of Jeff Siegler's presentation he made a few weeks ago, regarding economic revitalization and downtown beautification. The County had stated that they would match the amount the City would fund. However, the Council felt this was a County event and would not approve any funds for the event.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a maintenance contract for the water tower with Viking Industrial Painting. The contract is for one year, to be renewed annually. The annual fee is \$25,650 for the first three years. After that, the amount will increase each third anniversary, with an adjustment of no more than 5%. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council reviewed the final payment to APAC, Inc for the Treatment Plant. The amount figured for liquidated damages was not included in the request. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to hold off paying until some questions can be answered by the City Attorney.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for a street closing for Trunk or Treat on October 31st, from 4 pm to 6 pm. The request is to close M Street from 17th to 19th Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for a Parade on Veterans Day, November 11th, at 11 am. The request is to close M Street, from 17th to 20th Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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 7:55 p.m. Chirs Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:34 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:55 p.m. James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor and City Manager, 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 7:56 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken.

The Council briefly discussed hiring another employee at the power plant, nuisance properties, tax sales and vacant buildings downtown.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor was pleased the City is moving forward with sidewalks.

Mike Nondorf mentioned how nice the new overlaid streets are.

Doane commented on the fishing derby, 7th grade essays and the medallion hunt.

Mike Palmquist complemented Jenny Kling and how good the band sounds. He also commented on vacant buildings and properties needing cleaned up.

Chris Zach mentioned sidewalks and thanked the City Staff.

Mayor Robertson reported on the League of Kansas Municipalities Conference he attended.

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 8:40 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk