

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 28, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, October 28th, 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. 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, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and Power Plant Supervisor John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Diane Boman and Jon Strowig.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14th, 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. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 on phone, and return to the Council room at 7:35 p.m. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:03 p.m. The Council returned at 7:35 p.m. Mike Palmquist made a motion to advertise for the City Attorney position for the next 30 days. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

John McChesney, Power Plant Supervisor gave an update on the additional engine that will be installed at the power plant. He also showed an example of one of the operating manuals he is working on for each of the engines and reported on his meeting with NMPP. City Manager

Anderson gave an overview of where and from whom the City's electric is supplied from. Questions from the Council were answered by both. No action was taken.

James Doyle made a motion to approve cereal malt beverage licenses for Love's Travel Stop, 1356 US Highway 81, Casey's General Store, 1307 28th Street and Dollar General, 2730 K Street, for sale in unopened containers, for 2025. Chirs Zach seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed purchasing another vehicle for the police department, and which existing vehicle should be traded in. After a brief discussion, the Council directed staff to bring back the years and mileage of the existing vehicles, along with an exact quote for the proposed vehicle.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to make the final payment to APAC, Inc of \$442,992.05. This amount is less the \$38,500 in disputed liquidated damages. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A quick update on Vacant Buildings was given. Questions were asked regarding assessing penalties and what constitutes a "business". No action will be taken until a City Attorney is appointed.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to accept an audit contract with Shipley CPA, for the 2024 audit for a cost of \$10,800. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A maintenance contract was presented to the Council for the backup generator at the Water Treatment Plant. The cost would be \$9,738.77 over three years. The Governing Body was in favor of the contract, but wanted to look at warranty options before they approved entering into the contract. More information will be brought back to the next meeting.

Utility upgrades for the fairgrounds were shown to the Council. Proposed electric, water and sewer upgrades would help with semis and camper parking. Cost for material would be \$3,000 to \$4,000. The City will request the County pay for the material, and the City will provid labor to help install the services. Staff will make the proposal to the County and have a report for the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-018, setting a time for a public hearing for an unsafe structure at 1846 K Street. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2024-019, setting a time for a public hearing for an unsafe structure at 1710 20th Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave a presentation regarding Automatic Meter Reads (AMR). A few other cities have been looked at to gather information, along with contacting the City's software provider to see what is compatible. After some discussion, staff will contact several vendors to see if they install a few meters in Belleville to test how the systems work.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Chris Zach commented on the City crews and streets being sealed.

James Doyle gave an update on grants, Christmas lights and talked about the City Attorney position.

Doane Sells also commented on Rocky Pond Christmas, vacant buildings, and the need for a tax sale.

Mike Nondorf mentioned the sealing of streets.

Pam McGregor thanked John for the information regarding the power plant.

Mayor Robertson mentioned the Republican Bus Tour on November 1st and Attorney recruitment.

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 8:57 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk