

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, December 23rd, 2024
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, December 23rd, 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 Amos McCarthy provided 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 Julie Effenbeck.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Diane Boman, Amos McCarthy, Barry Childs, Travis Johnson, and Manuel Luceno.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9th, 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:

Barry Childs talked about housing and nuisance issues in Belleville.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council briefly discussed a homeless person that is spending her time around M Street and Highway 36. She has been offered help from numerous organizations, but refuses most. There is concern with her safety as winter is here, and also as she crosses the highway with her items. The City will have law enforcement check in on her, and address any safety issues. Local churches will also discuss what can be done to help her.

Julie Effenbeck was introduced as the new City Attorney. She is already working on a response letter to APAC, Kansas, deeds for the two small parcels of land that will transfer back to the adjoining property owners, and a diversion policy for Municipal Court.

Two bids for a diesel air compressor at the power plant. The higher bid was for a compressor that was slightly larger, but either would be sufficient for the needs at the power plant. After some discussion, Mike Palmquist made a motion to go with the low bid of \$30,332 from Air Capital Equipment, Wichita, Kansas. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the purchase of the oxidation catalyst for engine #9 from IDS, Inc for a cost of \$233,700. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on voice vote.

The Council discussed the condition of the property at 1709 20th Street. The City Manager recently met with the property owner and tenant. Updated photos of the property were also shown. Most of the items that would be in violation of City code had been removed, with other items planned to be moved. After some discussion, the Council took no action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 8:00 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:32 p.m. The Council returned at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Julie Effenbeck commented on the items she is working on, and thanked the Council for appointing her to the City Attorney position.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson commented on a couple items included in the packet and thanked Chris Zach for his time on the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist welcomed Julie to the City, commented on Rocky Pond and wished everyone a Merry Christmas

James Doyle gave commented on Nuisance Abatement.

Doane Sells commented on the Fire Department Banquet and wanted to look into developing a Nuisance Abatement Officer.

Mike Nondorf also mentioned how nice Rocky Pond looks.

Pam McGregor talked about how citizens need to work together to make the community look better.

Mayor Robertson talked about items discussed at the most recent League of Kansas Municipalities meeting.

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 8:20 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk