

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday January 13, 2025
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 13th, 2025 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 the chamber regarding the Business Beautification Grant, Nuisance Abatement, Compliance Officer, and empty downtown buildings.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Snodgrass opened with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

City Clerk Russ Piroutek administered the Oath of Office to Council elects Diane Boman, Mike Palmquist, and James Doyle.

ATTENDENCE:

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

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and City Attorney Julie Effenbeck.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass, Molly Potuzak Springer, and Hans Hansen

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

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

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint James Doyle as Council President. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No 2025-001, exempting the City of Belleville from the generally accepted accounting principles. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No 2025-002, designating \$15,000 to funding the construction or replacement of sidewalks. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to designate the Citizen's National Bank, Astra Bank, New Century Bank and United Bank & Trust as official depositories of the City's funds for 2025, through regular checking accounts, CDs, CDARS or money markets. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to designate the City Manager, City Clerk and City Treasurer as designated signees at the official depositories approved by the City Council for the year 2025. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to have the Belleville Telescope as the official newspaper and the Local Channel 12 and KREP radio station for special announcements for the City of Belleville. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the quarterly auditing of utility accounts, looking for any errors. No issues were found.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to increase the housing incentive by an additional \$20,000. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council also wanted to have the rules of the program reviewed, and make some additions at the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to authorize City staff to open a deposit account at Swedish American Bank in Courtland, to deposit \$20,000 for the housing incentive program for two homes being built by Dan Douglas. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Council reviewed the Land Bank Annual report for 2024. There were no revenues or expenditures in the past year, however, the ending balance was increased to \$6,607.50 due to a revenue not included in the 2023 Annual Report.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-003, authorizing a one-time transfer from the Gas Reserve Fund back to the Gas Operating Fund to help with the cash balance in the Operating Fund. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1076, setting Landfill rates for City of Belleville customers. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a six-month agreement with Republic County Solid Waste for solid waste fees, for \$13,449 per month. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Effenbeck is working on a new diversion policy that she will discuss with the police department, CDL rules and will bring back wording for the housing incentive program.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

The Planning Commission will meet on January 29th, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the City Office to address a rezoning application for land around Love's Travel Stop.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Anderson shared information on the running costs of Engine #9 to date.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist complimented the volunteers who helped with Rocky Pond Christmas, was anxious to see the engine #9 running and the road installed near Love's Travel.

Diane Boman thanked those that voted for her and as a Council Member, she felt it was very important to be at each meeting.

James Doyle thanked Chris Zach for his time on the Council. He also talked about the community finding the help for those who need it regarding a recent suicide.

Doane Sells commented on the Rocky Pond and would like to see Christmas Decorations continue down M Street to the viaduct. He also mentioned getting an ad for an additional power plant employee.

Pam McGregor complimented the City workers for all the snow removal over the last week.

Mayor Robertson commented on the power plant and streets.

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 7:52 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk