

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, January 24 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Rick Snodgrass gave the opening prayers and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Nick Cox.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Aaron Westbrook and Police Chief Chris Springer.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Andy Lohmann, Sang Hak Lee, Luke Mahin, Jessy Strnad, Brianne Beck, Shaun Herring and Heather Greer.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 10th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Heather Greer and Shaun Herring commented on improvements that need to be made to the City sidewalks.

OLD BUSINESS:

An agreement with Campbell & Johnson, P.A. was presented to the Council. The agreement would include inspecting and observing the construction of the road near Love's Travel Stop, for two days a week during construction. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the agreement. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Brianne Beck with North Central Regional Planning Commission provided documents for the closing of the COVID CV3 Grant. A public hearing was held to hear comments from the public. No comments were made. Mike Palmquist made a motion to close the CDBG CV3 Grant. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion approve Ordinance No. 1043, setting the solid waste fees for City of Belleville Customers. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an agreement with Republic County Solid Waste for 6 months for solid waste fees at a rate of \$12,899.74 per month. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Rick Snodgrass addressed the Council regarding funding for the 2022 community Easter egg hunt. The Assembly of God Church has been hosting it for 8 years, and it has increased in size each year to a point the Church is struggling to keep up. After some discussion, Mike Palmquist made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Easter Egg hunt for 2022 from the ARPA Grant funds. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council spent a great deal of time discussing and prioritizing long term goals and projects for the next 5, 10 and 20 years. Some of the items discussed included housing, sidewalks, down town improvements, electric and sewer infrastructure, incentives for new construction, employee retention and street maintenance. The Council took no action, but will continue discussing these goals throughout the year.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

The City has received a number of complaints regarding an offensive sign at a residence in town. Unfortunately, the owner is protected under freedom of speech, and it was recommended not to take any action.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

At the employee awards banquet, the City recognized employees who had received longevity awards and those who obtained certifications for completion of training.

Staff is working to replace the generator relays and transformer relays for the engines at the Power Plant. One of these relays has failed in the last week, and the others are the same age. Staff felt it would be best to replace all of them. The cost will be \$54,596 from BHMG engineers, who originally designed the equipment at the Power Plant. The cost also includes setup, installation and programming of the relays.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

James Doyle said he enjoyed the awards banquet and encouraged the others to attend next year if they can.

Mike Palmquist thanked the governing body for all of their input while discussing the long-range planning.

Nick Cox thanked the City crews for all they do and wants to make sure they are all taken care of.

Mayor Robertson mentioned he wanted to attend the banquet, but was not feeling well that evening. He also thanked everyone for their input into long range planning and looks forward to more discussion in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk