

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 14, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 14, 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. Jacob Rice gave the opening prayers and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Jacob Rice, Arlene Clayton and Sherri Anderson.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 24th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. Mike Nondorf 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 fences in her neighborhood.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City recognized Pam McGregor with a plaque and certificate for her years as pool manager.

A draft resolution was presented to the Council regarding RV's parked within the City limits. The resolution allows for up to two RV hookups on a parcel of land 30 days or less without any type of permit. For a parcel of land with two or less hookups, but for RVs hooked up for over 30 days, they would need to obtain a permit from the City. For Parcels of land that wanted more than 2 hookups, the owner would need to apply for a conditional use permit or rezoning if the property is not currently zoned for RVs. After some discussion from the Council, Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-004, with the amended

section regarding obtaining a permit from the City. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An application for an incentive for an electrical upgrade for an RV park was submitted to the Council. The City's estimated incentive for the service would be \$6,500. The Council spent time discussing if this type of business should qualify for the incentive, and the long term pay back through electric sales and property tax, along with non-direct income such as additional sales for fuel, groceries and beer. The consensus of the Council was to table the discussion to see if more information could be gathered.

A request was made to the City to purchase the empty lot at 9th & M Street that the City owns. The consensus was not to sell the parcel, and if the City did choose to sell, it would most likely need to go to sealed bids.

City Manager Anderson gave a breakdown of uses for the ARPA funds. The City will have a total of approximately \$286,700 in grant funds. Some of the money has been spent on the digi-ticket program, office copier, Easter egg hunt donation and water supplies for additional RV parking at Rocky Pond. Additional needs will be multiple water infrastructure upgrades, housing matching grants, mulch for the park, and other matching funds for grants. The Council was pleased with the number of projects that will be accomplished with these funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request was made by the Blair Theater to reduce their water and sewer cost this month after they had a large leak with one of their toilets. James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 6:58 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:13 p.m. No action was taken on the request.

Waylon Sheetz, Chamber Director, requested \$8,000 in 2022 from the City for funding of the Business Improvements Grant, which helps businesses in Belleville with building improvements. James Doyle made a motion to approve the request. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1044, setting the Court costs for Municipal Court and amending the amount to read Eighty-Five dollars (\$85.00) per Court case. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

City Manager Anderson provided information regarding the BASE Grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce. The Building A Stronger Economy (BASE) Grant is intended for projects that will help support or increase economic activity. The City will apply for a number of projects around Love's Travel Center.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-005, designating Scott McGee and the City Manager as Nuisance Officers for the 2022 Nuisance Abatement Program. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters on non-elected personnel, to review appointed officer's evaluations. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:32 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:02 p.m. The Mayor submitted the following names for approval:

- Russ Piroutek City Clerk
- Chris Springer Police Chief
- Aaron Westbrook City Attorney
- Scott Condray Municipal Judge

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the Mayor's recommendation for appointed positions as stated. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY CLERK'S COMMENTS:

An update was given on the increasing cost of Natural Gas over the last year. Staff will continue to monitor the increases in the upcoming months.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

A handout was provided for the Republic County Economic Development Annual meeting being held in Cuba on February 21st, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife sent a fisheries sampling report for Rocky Pond.

City wide clean-up will be April 11th -13th.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor thanked the City for the plaque and certificate.

Doane Sells mentioned the overhead doors at the Fire House were painted and installed.

Nick Cox thanked all the City employees for the work they do.

James Doyle thanked employees Lisa Noland and Tyler Kasl for their years with the City.

Mayor Robertson also thanked Lisa and Tyler.

Police Chief Springer also announced that Larry Woodman had been recognized for his years of service as a part-time police officer. He will no longer be working for the City.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk