

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 28, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Andy Lohmann, Police Chief Chris Springer and officers Jon Strowig, Brooke Poppe and Brian Schultze.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheetz, Arron Westbrook, Scott Kasl, Luke Mahin and Leslie Popelka.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Brooke Poppe was introduced as the new City Police Officer. She will be attending training in the near future.

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. City Manager Anderson provided information about property tax increases at another RV park in Belleville. Property owner Scott Kasl shared his intentions for the property. It was the consensus of the

Council to have an application submitted for the property to be re-zoned, and once that is approved, the Council would then approve the electric incentive grant.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the permit fee of \$75 for those property owners who wish to have temporary parking of RV's on their property. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Leslie Popelka, Republic County Community Foundation, provided an overview of the program. Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development gave information to the Council regarding housing programs. The Council will discuss more at the next meeting and look into appointing a housing committee.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the nitrate level in the City drinking water. The last test sent to the State was over the 10-ppm threshold. The City has notified customers of this through the radio, TV and Facebook. The water is still safe to drink for a majority of customers, but it is recommended that infants 6 months and younger do not drink the water. Also, mothers who are nursing infants 6 months and younger shouldn't drink the water. A timeline was also provided, showing what the City has been working on over the last 4 years when the nitrates were starting to increase.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Cereal Malt Beverage licenses for the Fair Amusements Committee, for 2022, for the Grandstands and Pit Area and Beer Garden at the NCK Fairgrounds. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for a street closing on O Street from 7th to 8th Street for the Belleville High Banks Dirt Nationals, June 10th – 14th. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Pictures of the structure located at 1334 19th Street were shown to the Governing Body. The second story has bricks falling off along with broken glass. After some discussion about the structure, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with unsafe structure procedures.

The Council briefly discussed an ordinance, rescinding Ordinance No. 1040, authorizing the removal of the structure at 1303 18th Street. The Council felt that the property owner had completed what was originally required and the structure has a roof that is now water tight. Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance 1045 as presented. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote of five (5) yeas and one (1) nay cast by Mike Palmquist.

The City has noticed that electric vehicles are charging at the RV spots at Rocky Pond. There have been small donations placed in the collection box, however. After some discussion, the City will place a sign at Rocky Pond asking for donations for those who charge their vehicles since there is only a small amount of energy being used.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-006, designating certain City owned land as public right of way and a City Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The next Council meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. with the time change coming up in March.

A claim form was submitted to the City for a damaged TV, but the applicant was notified that the City was not the responsible party.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf commented that the City crews are hard at it.

Pam McGregor was happy to see the City looking into housing.

Mike Palmquist commented on his feelings regarding the water treatment plant and the buildings downtown.

Nick Cox also commented on the condition of buildings downtown.

Mayor Robertson reiterated that the City has been working on the water quality issues for quite a few years. Everyone would like to see it move along faster, but it hasn't. However, the City is at least this far along and not just starting the process now.

He also wanted everyone to keep a positive outlook, even as the City is working through a number of challenging issues.

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 7:58 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk