

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

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, March 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Snodgrass 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. Nick Cox was absent.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Arron Westbrook and officer Brian Schultze.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheetz, Rick Snodgrass, Jay Kallman and Lynell Kallman and Ashley Barclay.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waylon Sheetz talked about setting up a meeting to help with scheduling activities during the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jay Kallman, Kallman Insurance Services, provided the Council with the upcoming property/auto/liability renewal for the City. He pointed out a few changes in the new policy, as the water tower and sewer treatment plant were re-valued. The Council also had the option of obtaining a quote from Midwest Public Risk, a public risk pool, for the City's insurance needs. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council not to pursue an insurance provider outside the community. Approval of the renewal from Kallman Insurance Services will be done later in the meeting, when Jay has the opportunity to bring back other documents needed for the approval.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-007, setting a public hearing for an unsafe structure at 1334 19th Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson presented information regarding a housing assessment tool and a rural housing incentive district. Grant money could be provided for these districts if a developer was found to start a planned development. After more discussion, the Council wanted to move forward with talking to vacant lot owners to start housing projects.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-008, authorizing the City to contract directly with WAPA for the allocation of Federal hydropower. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for a street closing on P Street, between 24th & 25th Street, on April 30th, for the RCSH Prom. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An interested party approached a Council member regarding purchasing the empty lot at 18th & M Street. The Council was in agreeance of getting the parcel back on the tax role, but there were concerns about how to properly sell the property. Along with selling it outright to the interested party, the Council discussed advertising for sealed bids, getting the Republic County Industrial Development involved to help facilitate the sale or the Council could just offer a set amount. After more discussion, the City will advertise on the electronic sign that the City will accept sealed bids for the property until April 11th, with certain conditions on what the lot can be used for. The Council will then decide at the April 11th meeting on what to do with the property.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for the use of the downtown City lot for alumni weekend activities, on the condition the City still owns the lot at that time. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Jay Kallman provided more documentation for the renewal of the City's insurance plan. After reviewing the information, Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the renewal as presented. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City crews are working on installing sewer lines across the roads near Love's Travel Stop.

Speakers have been installed at the ballfields with the help of donations from Emma Morris.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

James Doyle would like to discuss sidewalk replacement on M Street and O Street again. Also, he wanted to look into a TIF district around Love's Travel Stop.

Doane Sells mentioned the Pride Committee is working on renting the billboard north of town. He also commented on partnering with the 7th grade class at the school for the "My City, My Home" essay contest. After some discussion, the deadline has passed for submission, so the Council will address it again in the fall.

Mike Nondorf mentioned the City crews are busy.

Pam McGregor asked if the Rural Housing Incentive Grant would help with sidewalks in town. After some discussion with Chamber Director Waylon Sheetz, this type of grant would be for new housing developments.

Mayor Robertson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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 8:26 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk