

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 9, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, May 9th, 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. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheetz, Nathan Doro, Scott McGee, Jenny Russell and Chris Springer.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 25th, 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. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nathan Doro addressed the Council regarding feral cats in his neighborhood and what can be done with them. City Manager Anderson had contact information for two individuals who trap, neuter and release cats, and will reach out to them this week.

Jenny Russell, Republic County Economic Development Director provided the Council with what she is continuing to work on after Luke Mahin's recent departure as Director.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott McGee provided information on the current nuisance abatement inspections in the southeast quadrant of town. A few properties were addressed for clarification from the Council on interpretation of the nuisance code. Initial letter will be sent out soon for those properties that appear to be in violation.

NEW BUSINESS:

An updated pay scale was presented to the Council. The City Manager, along with department heads reviewed the different job classifications and made recommended minimum and maximum wages for each. The increased ranges would only affect a handful of employees at this time, but would raise the top side of the range for those employees who have been with the City, and also increase the starting wage for new employees. After some clarification, Mike Palmquist made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1047, setting the compensation for the City of Belleville employees. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Kay Reike to the Housing Authority Board for a 4-year term. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-010, setting the mileage reimbursement for the City of Belleville to be tied to the IRS's annual amount. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Waylon Sheetz, Chamber director, addressed the Council, requesting more funds for the Business Incentive Grant. The City authorized \$8,000 earlier this year from ARPA funds that were received. Waylon was requesting an additional \$8,000 for current requests for grant funds and future requests. Currently, the City only has approximately \$900 of ARPA funds left, with an additional \$144,000 coming in June. James Doyle made a motion to authorize an additional \$300 of ARPA funds for the Business Incentive Grant, to cover current applications, and discuss awarding more funds after the City received additional ARPA funds. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Attorney Westbrook will meet Nathan Doro after the meeting to discuss the feral cats in his neighborhood.

CITY CLERK'S COMMENTS:

The filing deadline for Council positions is June 1st, 2022 at 12:00 noon.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City and Power Plant staff were thanked for their days of work running the engines for approximately five days while the tie line was down.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells shared some dates for events the Pride Committee is hosting and the 7th grade essay competition.

Mike Nondorf was appreciative of the City crews and the Municipal Power Plant.

James Doyle also thanked Power Plant Foreman John McChesney and the other City guys who spent a great deal of time at the Power Plant this last week. He also asked if there was any update from KDHE on the Water Treatment Plant.

Mike Palmquist also thanked the City crews and felt the City should look into an additional engine at the Power Plant.

Nick Cox echoed the thanks to the City crews and also stated the Council will continue to look at employee wages. He also thanked Mr. Doro for attending the meeting.

Mayor Robertson commented on the Mayor's Conference he recently attended in Manhattan, Kansas. He was also pleased with the trip to Downs, KS with City staff and Rural Water Representatives to tour their Water Treatment Plant.

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 7:55 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk