

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 6, 2022  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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: 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 and City Attorney Aaron Westbrook.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Waylon Sheetz, Scott McGee, Charles EcEwen, Jenny Russell and Harlee Schuster.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waylon Sheetz gave an update on upcoming events for the Chamber.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Charles McEwen attended the meeting to discuss his water bill. After many months of zero consumption on his water remote, City crews were able to get into the house to read the meter, which showed over 500,000 gallons of usage. The billing went out with approximately \$1,500 for about two years' worth of consumption. Mr. McEwen felt this was high compared to his historic consumption of water. After discussion from the Council, James Doyle made a motion to adjust his bill to reflect an average of his water consumption from previous years, which amounted to \$160.00. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Scott McGee, Nuisance Abatement Officer gave a quick update on his inspections, and he is currently sending out letters to those properties that appear to be in violation.

The Council spent time discussing Economic Development goals and projects. A large amount of the time was spent discussing a historical district downtown and the housing issue. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with trying to find fill in homes on empty lots around town, since there is no housing development currently in the works. Both Waylon Sheetz, Chamber Director and Jenny Russell, Economic Development Director answered questions for the Council. Economic Development will start contacting owners of empty lots to see if they would be willing to sell. No other action was taken regarding Economic Development.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the budget process. Currently the proposed 2023 budget shows a 1-2 mil increase, however, not all the figures have been received from the County. The budget will continue to be worked on, with a draft presented at the June 27 meeting.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for a Cereal Malt Beverage license for The North Side, 1317 18<sup>th</sup> Street for consumption on premises only, for 2022. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#### CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City will need to come up with a name for the new road by Love's.

The swimming pool will be closed a day this week so more training can be done.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist mentioned the City needs to continue discussion about adding another engine at the Power Plant.

James Doyle thanked the City crews for their work.

Doane stated the cemetery, parks and Rocky Pond all looked good during the Memorial Day weekend. He also asked about any upcoming tax sales and another CDBG Water Project.

Mike Nondorf commented how nice things look around town.

Pam complimented the pool staff on how good of a job they are doing with all of the changes this year. She also mentioned that concentrating on a historical district downtown to save the structures would be easier than trying to build new.

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 7:57 p.m.

Russell Piroutek  
City Clerk