

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 27th, 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 offered 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 Aaron Westbrook, Power Plant Operator John McChesney and Officer Brian Schultze.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Waylon Sheetz, Rick Snodgrass, Jenny Russell and Harlee Schuster.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 6th, 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:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Waylon Sheetz, Chamber Director, requested more funds from the City for the Building Incentive Grant. Earlier in the year, the City donated \$8,000, plus another \$300 last month from ARPA funds. Now that the City has the second half of the ARPA funds from the State, more money is available. James Doyle made a motion to approve an additional \$6,000 of ARPA funds to be given to the Chamber for the Business incentive grant. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

John McChesney, Power Plant Foreman, provided the Council information regarding repairs and upgrades to the engines at the power plant. John has concerns that the City will continue

to be able to get parts for the older engines, as suppliers have told him they are becoming scarce. When the Power Plant was upgraded in 2005 and the new engine was added, the building was constructed to house another engine. At the same time, the cooling towers were built to accommodate another engine. The Council directed staff to start getting estimates on a replacement engine and funding costs to see if it would be feasible.

Pictures of the alley behind Tuxie's Ten Pin, 1302 19th Street were shown to the Council. Property owners along the block would like to see the alley resurfaced, as there are drainage issues and deep pot holes. Recent overlays have not lasted, due to heavy trucks using the alley. Staff will work on getting estimates to have the alley replaced with concrete and quotes for asphalt.

City Manager Anderson presented a proposed budget for 2023. With a higher valuation from the County, the City could potentially see a drop in the mil levy, even with an increase in spending. Increases in spending would come in employee wages and cost of street material. Concerns regarding lifeguard wages were voiced from Councilmember McGregor. It was the consensus of the Council that budgeted wages for the pool should be increased. These changes will be done and a new draft will be brought back to the next meeting.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City has received some complaints regarding the trailer houses on 15th Street.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells mentioned that City Manager Anderson and himself went to the Commissioners meeting to discuss tax sales.

Mike Nondorf commented that the sidewalk near Rocky Pond looks good.

Pam McGregor thanked City Manager Anderson for all his work he has done.

Mike Palmquist thanked John McChesney for providing information regarding the Power Plant.

Mayor Robertson commented on how well the recent Economic Development meeting went.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk