

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, July 25, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, July 25th, 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 Jacob Rice offered the opening prayer and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE:

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, Power Plant Operator John McChesney and City Attorney Arron Westbrook.

Others present: Jacob Rice, Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Waylon Sheetz, Rick Snodgrass, John McChesney, Donna Oehm, Scott McGee and Brian Shultze.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist 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:

Information was provided to the Council regarding the addition of another engine at the power plant. A rough cost estimate would be around \$2 million dollars. If the larger sized engine is chosen, an addition to the power plant building would need to be done. Power Plant operator John McChesney and Donna Oehm with Power Plant Compliance answered questions from the Council. How to pay for the upgrade was briefly discussed. Doane Sells made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, for 15 minutes, with the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and the City Attorney. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:20 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:35 p.m. No action was taken. The Council

thanked John and Donna for attending the meeting. The power plant will generate on July 26th for its compliance test. The Council was invited to come to the power plant to watch.

Scott McGee, Belleville Nuisance Officer, provided the council with a list of properties that appeared to be in violation of City code. The following action was taken:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-013, declaring the property at 1308 21st Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-014, declaring the property at 1510 19th Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-015, declaring the property at 1516 21st Street a nuisance. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to table Resolution No. 2022-016, for 30 days, as the property owner is still making improvements. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-017, declaring the property at 2015 P Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-018, declaring the property at 2428 N Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-019, declaring the property at 2727 N Street a nuisance. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a street closing on O Street, from 7th Street to 9th Street for the NCK Free Fair. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-020, supporting an application for funding through the moderate-income housing program offered by the Kansas Housing Resource Corporation. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to designate the United Bank & Trust as one of the official depositories of the City's funds for 2022, through regular checking accounts, CDs, CDARS or money markets. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage License, for the Blair Theater, 1310 19th Street, for consumption on property only, for 2022. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a 6-month agreement with Republic County Solid Waste, for \$12,837.72 per month, for solid waste fees. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

There was no court in July. The next Court date will be August 22nd, 2022.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City is looking at visibility issues at the intersection of 12th & K Street.

The Swimming Pool is still dealing with staffing issues.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

James Doyle assured the public that the Swimming Pool will be operated better next year.

Mike Palmquist also commented on the Pool and the need for the additional engine at the power plant.

Nick Cox also mentioned that the pool issues the City had this year were unacceptable. He thanked John McChesney for coming to the meeting.

Doane Sells asked about upgrading engine #7 to dual fuel. He also commented on the Rocky Pond Fishing Tournament.

Mike Nondorf was pleased to hear the additional RV hookups at Rocky Pond would be ready for the fair.

Pam McGregor thanked all the businesses in town.

Mayor Robertson agreed with everything the rest of the governing body commented on.

The Council scheduled a special meeting on August 11th, 2022 to review bids for the water treatment plant.

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 8:43 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk