

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, August 22nd, 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 Nick Cox. Mike Palmquist 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, Rick Snodgrass and Ken Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 11th, 2022 special Council Meeting. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waylon Sheetz gave an update on Chamber activities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Johnson, Campbell & Johnson P.A., gave an update on the progress at the Love's Road. Contractors are currently pouring concrete. The detention pond has held water a couple times this summer. The contractors had to remove buried concrete and rock so the road bed could be graded. More crushed concrete will need to be purchased for the base, which City crews will start hauling from south of town to the jobsite. It also appears the contractor will be unable to finish before the September 1st deadline due to material delays, weather delays and waiting on AT&T to move a line. An extension of the deadline was requested, along with a change order due to the additional digging and grading required due to buried debris. The

contractors requested a deadline of October 22nd, however, Mr. Johnson said that if everything went as planned, they could be done around mid-September. After some discussion from the Council, James Doyle made a motion to extend the deadline to September 19th, 2022 to have a substantial amount of the work finished. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve change orders for the Love's Road, not to exceed \$28,500. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to fund the part time Recreation Director position for the next 6 months, for \$500 per month, being paid from ARPA funds. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to expend \$40,000 for the housing grant, \$30,000 for boring under K Street and a \$5,000 transfer to the Rec Fund, all from ARPA funds. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Cox made a motion to approve a street closing application for September 10, 2022 on M Street, from 18th to 19th Street for the Chamber's event: Meal on Main Awards Banquet. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a special event Cereal Malt Beverage License for the Chamber of Commerce for the Meal on Main Awards Banquet. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed employee salaries and compensation. City Manager Anderson recommended enacting the 3% COLA beginning in September, opposed to waiting until January 1st, 2023. The Council was in favor of this, but also discussed what more they could do to help retain existing employees and attract new employees. Pay for on-call employees was also discussed. After more discussion, James Doyle made a motion to give a 3% COLA to all full-time employees beginning on the first payroll in September. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, to include the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 8:12 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:32 p.m. No action was taken.

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding the City exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the 2023 budget. No comments were heard from the public. Nick Cox made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-022, authorizing the City of Belleville to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate for 2023. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

A public hearing was held regarding the approval of the 2023 City Budget. No comments were heard from the public. James Doyle made a motion to approve the 2023 budget. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson stated that KDHE had approved the notice of award for APAC, Shears Division for the Water Treatment Plant. A pre-construction meeting will be September 20th, at 10:00 a.m. The City has also requested an increase in the loan amount.

CITY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Court went well earlier in the day.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The City is looking at purchasing additional picnic tables to be placed around the new RV parking spots.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox thanked the City employees for their hard work, and assured them the Council will continue working on a fair compensation package.

James Doyle asked for an update on the building demo on the square and progress on the charging station. He also mentioned he heard a lot of good comments on the town during the races and fair.

Doane commented on the 7th grade essay that was coming up this fall. He also thanked City staff for working on the budget.

Mike Nondorf commented on how nice Rocky Pond looked.

Pam McGregor mentioned a new resident in town stated how nice and friendly Belleville was.

Mike Palmquist thanked the volunteers who serve on the fair boards.

Mayor Robertson asked about the status of the gentleman who was to come and take care of feral cats.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk