

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 12, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 12th, 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 Amos McCarthy 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 and City Attorney Aaron Westbrook.

Others present: Amos McCarthy, Mikel Hasdachek, Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Waylon Sheetz, Rick Snodgrass and Scott McGee

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 22nd, 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. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waylon Sheetz gave an update on Chamber activities.

Lana Knedlik shared her concerns about property owners maintaining the draining area along 21st street and RV spots at Rocky Pond.

Rick Snodgrass talked about trees being cut down in City right of way.

OLD BUSINESS:

The City addressed a possible nuisance situation at 2012 N Street. The property owners, however, submitted plans to move and replace the broke up sidewalk. The Council felt that this would resolve the situation on the property, and no further action would need to be taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-023, declaring a nuisance on the property at 1810 O Street, due to an inoperable vehicle on the premises. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Scott McGee, Nuisance Abatement Officer, gave a report on the remaining properties which are still in violation. The Council approved the following resolutions:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-0024, authorizing the City to abate the nuisance violations at 1510 19th Street, unless the owner requests a hearing within 10 days of notice. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-0025, authorizing the City to abate the nuisance violations 2428 N Street, unless the owner requests a hearing within 10 days of notice. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-0026, authorizing the City to abate the nuisance violations at 2727 N Street, unless the owner requests a hearing within 10 days of notice. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-0027, authorizing the City to abate the nuisance violations at 1516 21st Street, unless the owner requests a hearing within 10 days of notice. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-0028, authorizing the City to abate the nuisance violations at 2015 P Street, unless the owner requests a hearing within 10 days of notice. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson provided information for new on-call compensation for employees. The proposed plan for those employees who watch on-call for a single department (electric and power plant) would continue to get an hour of regular wage per weekday, but increase to 2 hours per day for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. For those employees who watch on call for multiple department (gas, water, street and sewer), they would increase to 2 hours of regular pay for each day they are on call. The Council also briefly discussed other compensation and benefits for employees. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the new on-call compensation plan as presented. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

An update on the car charging station was given. Everything is completed except for credit card payments. There is one charger available at the “slow” charge. The owner asked if the City was willing to donate some kilowatts as a promotion to get customers to start using the charging station. There was concern from the Council that there was on one charger. The contract will be brought back to the next meeting for review; however, the Council was not in favor of giving any free kilowatts at this time.

City Manager Anderson met with John Meyers, Have a Heart, TNR to set up times to start trapping cats in the City. Mr. Meyers will start in the area of 15th & Q Street, and trap around 3 cats each week. Adult cats will be taken to his veterinarian and be spade or neutered and brought back to Belleville. Kittens will be taken and put up for adoption. Mr. Meyers is asking only for a donation to his non-profit Have a Heart, TNR, in return.

The Council briefly discussed the possibility of constructing a street off of 12th Street to a property that use to be part of the Industrial Park. There were concerns regarding land purchases, drainage and trucks damaging City streets. It was the consensus of the Council not to proceed with anything until the owner of the property has committed to improvements of his property.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1049, adopting by reference, the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities, edition 2022, along with certain changes and additions. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1050, adopting by reference, the Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas Cities, edition 2022. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes for personnel matter of non-elected personnel, to discuss the City Manager's evaluation, with just the Mayor and Governing Body. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:56 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:26 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY CLERK'S COMMENTS:

An update was given regarding the recent NPGA meeting and the cost of natural gas.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson stated that the Community Foundation deadline is coming soon.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor thanked City Manager Anderson and Jenny Russell for all their work.

Mike Nondorf commented on how good 9th Street looks in front of the swimming pool.

Doane Sells commented on how well the demo of the commercial building downtown looked.

Mike Palmquist also commented on the building demo. He felt the City should revisit the discussion on the drainage along 21st Street. He also talked about getting vegetation planted along the new road near Love's Travel. The City should look at purchasing a seeder to plant brome prior to the contractor finishing. City staff will look into acquiring a seeder.

Mayor Robertson stated he is pleased to see some of the projects coming to a close, and excited about new ones.

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 8:43 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk