

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 26th, 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 and City Attorney Aaron Westbrook.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Waylon Sheetz, Rick Snodgrass, Larry Baxa, Jimmy Allen and Arlene Clayton

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 12th, 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:

Jimmy Allen voiced his concerns about the drainage ditch next to his property at 21st and R Street.

Arlene Clayton talked about the alley next to her property needing repairs.

Larry Baxa, 2428 N Street, addressed the Council after his property was found to be a nuisance due to multiple abandoned vehicles. Mr. Baxa was not happy the City was coming after the vehicles, but also stated his son may come to Belleville to help move them. The Council also mentioned placing the vehicles behind a fence, or getting them registered at the Courthouse. Mr. Baxa left the meeting before the Council took action. Mike Palmquist made a motion to grant an extension until November 28th to have the vehicles removed from the property, tagged or behind a privacy fence, otherwise, they will be towed at that time. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Information was included in the packet regarding the addition of an engine at the power plant. A few engines that are for sale have been located, but more information needs to be obtained. Both Power Plant Operator John McChesney and Steve Payne, IDS, Inc will continue to see what can be found.

The Council briefly discussed the EV Charging station on 17th Street. There were concerns that only one charger was installed and it is a slow charger. The credit card machine is not operational. The Council directed City Manager Anderson to reach out to the owner and pass along the City's concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1051, setting water rates for City of Belleville Customers. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to proclaim October as National Arts and Humanities month. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed engine issues with the police department's Dodge Charger. It will be quite expensive to fix or replace the engine, due to a knocking noise. Chief Springer has reached out to numerous agencies and vendors for a replacement vehicle. However, nothing would become available for nearly a year. After some discussion between the Council and Chief Springer, and the fact the Police Department cannot be down a vehicle for that long, the City will get an estimate to fix the Charger.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-029, declaring the property at 1829 I Street a nuisance. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-030, declaring the property at 1121 K Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a parade permit for the Homecoming Parade on October 14th, 2022. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application to approve the use of the downtown lot for the Main Street Tabernacle, for a Fall Festival on October 31, 2022. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes, for employer-employee relations and negotiations, to discuss the City Manager's contract renewal. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:54 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:05 p.m. Mike Palmquist made a motion to renew the City Manager's contract for a year. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson reported that the road near Love's is almost done and the seeding is being done.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist commented on the Nuisance Abatement Program. He stated that years ago, it was widely discussed that eventually the entire town would be covered. Many had years to prepare. He also talked about the Love's Road and the pre-construction meeting for the water treatment plant.

James Doyle stated that the Council is still working on employee compensation and he appreciated the public coming to the meeting.

Doane Sells commented on the rest room progress at Rocky Pond and the good relationship with the County.

Pam McGregor thanked those who attended the meeting.

Mayor Robertson gave an update on the recent Economic Development meeting.

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 8:16 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk