

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2022
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, October 10th, 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, Mike Palmquist and Nick Cox.

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, Dawn Surber and Arlene Clayton.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 26th, 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. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Arlene Clayton commented on leadership.

OLD BUSINESS:

The governing body discussed the drainage ditch along 21st Street between R and S Streets. Pictures were shown of the erosion and difficulty in maintaining the area. The City has some crushed rock that could line the ditches to help prevent erosion. The cost of rip-rap will also be looked at in addition. However, City staff will first contact adjacent property owners to get their input on the improvements.

NEW BUSINESS:

Estimates to replace two of the oldest storm sirens were included in the packet. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the quote from Pierce Electronics for \$23,951.70 to replace two storm sirens. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Denis Miller, Mapes & Miller, LLC, provided the 2021 audit report to the Council. Mr. Miller reviewed the City funds and touched on items that need to be corrected. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1052, adjusting the loan amount for the water treatment plant. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-31, abating the nuisances at 1829 I Street. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of 5 yeas and one nay cast by Pam McGregor.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-32, abating the nuisances at 1121 K Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed a street closing permit for the Blair Theater, for 19th Street, from M Street to N Street for the weekend of November 19th. There was concern that holes would need to be drilled into the street for the tent that would be erected on 19th Street, and that 19th Street would be closed for both Saturday and Sunday. Business owners on 19th Street who were in attendance voiced their concern. City staff will contact the Blair Theater Board to get some more information and look at other options, along with talking to other business owners.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a Street Closing permit for the East Elementary Run on October 14th, 2022, from M Street to Q Street, between 18th & 19th Street. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a Street Closing permit for the Distinguished Young Woman Glow Run, on October 22nd, 2022. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Doane Sells made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel with the Mayor and Council. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:58 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:11 p.m. Doane Sells made a motion to approve a 3% COLA increase for the City Manager. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson stated the City is still taking applications for Pool Manager and Public Service Workers.

A traffic count for Highway 81 was handed out to the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox thanked the City employees and reminded all that the Council is still looking at wages.

Mike Palmquist mentioned how nice Rocky Pond looks after crews weed eat around the edge. He also wanted to see an update on the power plant engine.

James Doyle commented on a number of activities coming up, including Homecoming and Trunk or Treat.

Doane Sells heard compliments on the sealing of streets around town. He also commented on the Fishing Tournament.

Mike Nondorf also thanked the City crews.

Pam McGregor encouraged the public to reach out the Council for any questions or concerns they have.

Mayor Robertson was pleased to hear some possible solutions for the drainage ditch along 21st Street.

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 8:27 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk