

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 2022  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 Power Plant Supervisor John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheetz, Rick Snodgrass, Chris Springer, Scott McGee, Jenny Russell, Harley Schuster and Brian Shultz

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 special Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24<sup>th</sup>, 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:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

John McChesney, Power Plant Foreman, gave a report on progress in finding the availability of an additional engine at the power plant. Few options are present at this time, but all leads are being looked into. When a viable option is found, cost and information will be brought back to the Council.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Scott McGee, Nuisance Abatement Officer addressed the Council about potential wording changes in the Nuisance Ordinance. The Council spent a great deal of time discussing vehicles, junk vehicles, registration requirements and how other cities handle abandoned vehicles. Also mentioned was wording in section 1 and section 2, defining what a nuisance is. After a lengthy discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to table the topic and have a special meeting when more time could be dedicated to the subject.

Jenny Russell, JenRus Freelance, addressed the Council regarding the Landbank. She recommended a separate Board to oversee the promotion and administration of the properties. The Board would consist of 5 members, which could include a couple Council members, an Economic Development member, City Manager or City Attorney. The Council was very receptive of the idea, but wanted to check with the City Attorney on how to proceed.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-036, increasing the amount of vacation hours an employee can carry over at the end of the year from 80 hours to 120 hours. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for a parade permit for the Christmas Lighted Parade on November 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Tammy Smidt to the Belleville Housing Authority Board, for a term to end August of 2026. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed having planning sessions on a regular basis prior to Council meetings. The consensus of the Council was to have additional time set aside for questions or certain topics that need to be discussed. In the end, it was decided to meet at 6 pm on the first meeting of the month, ahead of the regular meeting for this.

Information was provided to the Council for the purchase of a new bucket truck. This would replace the smaller of the three bucket trucks. With the lead time being at least 32 months for delivery, staff thought it might be worth looking into now. There was concern if the price would be locked in for that amount of time. After some discussion, the Council wanted to see if the bed and boom could be placed on a new chassis. Staff will look into this.

Several individuals are interested in purchasing land near Love's Travel. The City is now looking at extending utility infrastructure to more lots in that area. The sewer will most likely be the most expensive portion of the upgrades. The Council discussed how much should be done, who will pay for the costs of the upgrades and if there are any other funding opportunities to help pay for the upgrades. After more discussion the Council directed staff to have Campbell & Johnson bring back a proposal for them to do all the engineering for the utilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for 20 minutes with the Council, Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk, regarding data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council went into executive session at 8:22 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:42 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson Councilmember Sells attended the North Central Regional Planning Commission banquet on November 10.

Council pictures will be taken at the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor and Mike Nondorf both congratulated James, Mike and Nick on being reelected.

Doane Sells commented on the NCRPC banquet, Cunningham Telephone's new fiber building, the Veterans Parade and Rocky Pond. He also mentioned the 5<sup>th</sup> grade essay contest.

Mike Palmquist and James Doyle thanked the public for their votes in the election.

Nick Cox thanked the City staff for their work and the public for voting for him.

Mayor Robertson recently met with the Chamber Board to discuss the open position of Chamber Director.

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 8:52 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk