

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2020
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 13th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Belleville Council Meeting Room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor-Elect Adam Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Rick Snodgrass offered the opening comments and prayer. The pledge of allegiance was recited. The Oath of Office was given to newly elected Mayor Adam Robertson and Councilmembers Doane Sells and Mike Nondorf.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Doane Sells, Mike Nondorf, Kim Lapo, Kelly Collard and Tiffany Hansen.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Coleman Younger, Police Chief Chris Springer and Officer Matt Cole.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Arlene Clayton, Steve & Vonda Cooper, Ami Price, Eric McFarland, Mike Palmquist, Kevin & Christy Beesen, Natalie De Claire, Keith Sells & Chris Speakman.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9th, 2019 Council Meeting. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the bills and their disbursements. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chamber and Main Street Director Waylon Sheetz gave a report to the Council regarding Chamber events for the next year, and the banquet scheduled for January 22nd, 2020.

Kevin and Christy Beesen remarked on the Councils discussion of mobile food vendors. After some dialogue between the Council, it will be discussed whether or not to have them come back to a future meeting for more discussion.

Eric McFarlane and Natalie De Claire gave a report of the improvements and repairs made to the structure at 1003 K Street.

Arlene Clayton commented on kids playing in the front yards at daycares.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Belleville City Council addressed the vacant Council position after Mayor Robertson was sworn in as Mayor. Potential candidates were invited to the meeting and each addressed the Council for a few minutes on why they would like to be on the Belleville City Council. Those interested in the position were Arlene Clayton, Mike Palmquist, Steve Cooper, Chris Speakman, Rick Snodgrass and Craig Allen. After some discussion on procedure, Kelly Collard made a motion to appoint Mike Palmquist to fill the vacant seat. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1014, setting the landfill charges for City of Belleville customers. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1015, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 910 M Street. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1016, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 1309 K Street. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1017, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 703 18th Street. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-001, a waiver of the requirements of the generally accepted accounting principles for the year beginning January 1, 2020. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a hand vote.

Kelly Collard made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-002, allocating \$15,000 for the improvement of public sidewalks as outlined in the City's Sidewalk Program. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a hand vote.

Kelly Collard made a motion to have the Citizens National Bank, Astra Bank, New Century Bank and American State Bank as official depositories of the City's funds for 2020, through regular checking accounts, CDs, CDARS or money markets. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to designate City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and City Treasurer Lisa Noland as signees at the official depositories approved by the City Council for the year 2020. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Nondorf made a motion to designate the Belleville Telescope as the official City newspaper and local Channel 12 and KREP radio station for special announcements for the City of Belleville, for 2019. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Nondorf made a motion to appoint Tiffany Hansen as Council President for 2020. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of five yeas and one abstain cast by Tiffany Hansen.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-003, regarding the acquisition of the property at 1328 19th Street, and the placement of that property in the Land Bank. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a hand vote.

The Council discussed the option of replacing additional water mains through the CDBG project and replacing the Variable Frequency Drive motors at the pump house. City Manager Anderson provided information on both projects. The City has an opportunity to replace additional water mains along 23rd Street through the CDBG project, however, with the grant funds being nearly spent, the additional cost of approximately \$20,000 would come from City funds. Bids were also received for the replacement of the VFDs. Replacement of two would cost \$19,745.84 while the cost of replacing all four would be \$39,956.00. The Governing Body spent some time discussing the costs of these projects, and which one would be more important at this time. Doane made a motion to table the discussion of the water main replacement until next meeting after more estimates could be obtained. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council then continued discussion of replacing the VFD motors. Mike Palmquist made a motion to accept the low bid from Sargent Drilling to replace all four VFDs. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to purchase a 2020 Chevy ¾ ton, 4 x4 pickup from Melton Motors for \$30,553, to be paid for out of the Equipment Reserve Fund. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Governing Body spent some time discussing the Vacant Building Ordinance. Different ideas were discussed on what a property owner should be allowed to do with the building, how the ordinance is implemented and if the City should be doing more with the vacant buildings that are in poor shape. After a lengthy discussion, no action was taken, but the subject will be discussed again.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to go into executive session for five minutes with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:50 p.m. Council returned at 7:55 p.m. No action was taken.

Kelly Collard made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss acquisition of real estate. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:55 p.m. Council returned at 8:10 p.m. Kelly Collard made a motion to return to executive session for 15 minutes with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss acquisition of real estate. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 8:10 p.m. Council returned at 8:25 p.m. Kim Lapo made a motion to return to executive session for 5 minutes with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney to discuss acquisition of real estate. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left

for executive session at 8:25 p.m. Council returned at 8:30 p.m. Tiffany Hansen made a motion to remove 1811 L Street from the vacant property list. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of five yeas and one nay cast by Doane Sells.

Kim Lapo made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes with the City Manager, Police Chief and City Attorney to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 8:32 p.m. Council returned at 8:42 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson reminded everyone of the Economic Development Training on January 22, at the City Office.

The latest water testing came in below 10 ppm for nitrates.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells welcomed the newly elected officials

Kim Lapo thanked the City crews and community for all the work around Christmas.

Tiffany Hansen was appreciative of the new slide at the park.

Mayor Robertson asked the Governing Body to think about the City's long-term goals, going out 20 years, and those ideas will be discussed at an upcoming planning meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Tiffany Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk