

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, January 27th, 2020
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 27th, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the City of Belleville Council Meeting Room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor 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.

ATTENDANCE:

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

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Arlene Clayton, Carol Torkelson, Keegan Bailey and William Baker.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13th, 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:

Arlene Clayton commented on calendars that encourage recycling.

OLD BUSINESS

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to accept a six-month agreement with the Republic County Solid Waste for solid waste fees, for \$12,243.76 per month. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol Torkelson, with North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented information regarding the upcoming 2020 Nuisance Abatement Program. A map of Belleville was included in the packet showing the three sections of town that have not gone through the program. After some discussion of which section to move to next, cost of the program and whether it

should be done in-house or out sourced, Doane Sells made a motion to move forward with the southeast section of town, which includes 295 parcels for \$27,500. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote of four yeas, and two nays, cast by Kim Lapo and Kelly Collard, who wanted to see a different part of Belleville done in 2020. After the vote, Carol pointed out that to proceed with the program, the vote needed to be unanimous. All Council members were in agreeance to continue with the program, but had different opinions on what section to proceed with. Kim Lapo made a motion to proceed with the program with North Central Regional Planning Commission in 2020. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council discussed briefly which section to move forward with. Doane Sells repeated his motion to proceed with the southeast section of Belleville. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance #1018, authorizing the removal an unsafe structure at 2103 M Street. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The Governing body discussed the option to replace additional water main on 23rd Street, but with estimates coming in higher than expected and grant funds being depleted, it was the consensus of the Council not to proceed with the replacement. No action was taken.

Quotes for the costs of installing flashing radar signs on Highway 81 were included in the packet. The Council had previously approved the expenditure of \$7,500 for two signs, but other costs associated with the signs have pushed the cost over the initial estimate. The Council discussed if any grant funds were available for this type of project, whether the units should be insured and if different ones should be placed on the north end and south end of Highway 81. Doane Sells made a motion to table the subject until it is determined if grant funds would be available for the purchase of these signs. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Information was included in the packet regarding the City's gas and water rate studies. The gas study was finished by NMPP late last year, and there was no recommendation for a rate change. Rates could possibly be reduced, but City Manager recommended leaving them as they are so the Gas Reserve Fund could be built up for main replacement. The Council was in agreeance with this. No action was taken. It is time to renew the agreement for the water rate study. City Manager Anderson recommended conducting it in house, and not use NMPP for the study. There are a number of other tools available for the City to use to help with the rate study. The Council was in agreeance with this also. No action was taken.

After some questions from Council, Mike Palmquist made a motion to replace the street light on Highway 81 for approximately \$3,500. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Attorney Younger provided information regarding the Kansas Open Meeting Act and rules regarding executive sessions.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

An update was given on the Vacant Building Ordinance process.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson and Mayor Robertson attended the County Commissioners meeting earlier in the day.

A map of Belleville showing water mains that have been replaced through the two CDBG replacement projects will be emailed to the Council.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells mentioned there will be a Pride meeting next week, but a date has not been set.

Mayor Robertson also commented on the meeting with the commissioners. He also wanted to set a date for a planning session and to tour City facilities. It was decided to meet at 4:30 p.m. on February 10, 2020 at the Municipal Power Plant, to tour the facility. After the tour, the Governing Body will return to the City Office for a planning session. The Council will then meet for its regular meeting at its normal time at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Tiffany Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk