

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 10, 2020
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 10, 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, Kent Swartz, Steve Brown and William Baker.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 27th, 2020 Council Meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Kent Swartz addressed the Council regarding his property at 1109 28th Street being on the vacant building list. Mr. Swartz asked why his property was on the list. The Council stated how the program works and why his building it considered vacant. After more discussion, Mr. Swartz stated he will most likely fill out the application and return it to the City Office.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-004, appointing the Nuisance Officers for the 2020 Nuisance Abatement Program. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to authorize the City to sign an agreement with North Central Regional Planning Commission to conduct the 2020 Nuisance Abatement Program, in the southeast section of Belleville, for a total cost of \$27,500. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Manager Anderson presented information regarding the City's water rates. The cash balance in the Water Fund has been depleted over the last couple years, so staff is exploring the possibility of a rate increase. The City used online rate study software provided by KDHE to calculate proposed rates. Information regarding Belleville's rates compared to over 90 other cities in Kansas was also shown, with the City of Belleville being the cheapest of those cities mentioned. Staff will look at lowering some expenditures and the possibility of eliminating some transfers, but that will not restore the cash balance to an acceptable level. City Manager Anderson could see no other way than to have a rate increase along with expenditure decreases. The Council discussed the matter more, then recommended bringing back additional information to the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a 90-day extension for CDBG Water Project #18-PF-003, due to inclement weather over the past year, with the completion date being moved to May 1st, 2020. If the weather conditions are nice over the next few weeks, the project should be finished much earlier than this proposed completion date. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to appoint Steve Scofield to the Belleville Planning Commission. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to appoint Douglas Simms to the Belleville Housing Authority Board of Directors. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to appoint Rick Snodgrass to the Belleville Board of Appeals. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kelly Collard made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, for 15 minutes with the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:10 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:25 p.m. No action was taken

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

The City Attorney will be at Belleville for an office day on February 24th, 2020

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells gave a report on the recent Pride Committee meeting.

Tiffany Hansen asked about higher utility bills this month.

Mayor Robertson commented on the tour of the power plant and how well the planning meeting went earlier in the day.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Tiffany Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk