

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2020
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 24, 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, Andrew Bates, Loretta Cole, William Baker, Karen Hansen, Gary & Peggy Frint, Steve & Dawn Brown, Pat & Michelle Kearns, Cody Zenger and Rob Kasl.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 10th, 2020 Regular 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. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Karen Hansen gave a report on behalf of the Rocky Pond Christmas Board. The group had a successful year, with over 2,000 vehicles going through, and an estimated 8,000 people viewing the displays. Karen thanked the City for all their involvement and help. The Governing Body was grateful for the volunteers who help with Rocky Pond Christmas.

Peggy Frint commented on a trash can that needs to be removed from Rocky Pond.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Belleville Recreation Board recognized Mark & Pam McGregor for their years of service as Summer Ball Directors. A plaque thanking them for their time will be presented to them.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance 1019, rezoning a parcel of land at 521 7th Street, from Residential District (R) to Heavy Industrial (I-2). Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Andrew Bates, representing Republic County Legion Baseball, made a request of \$2,500 to help purchase equipment to get the program started. The Council had questions regarding the program, what ages would be on the team and how it would affect the K-18 team. Doane Sells made a motion to approve the one-time donation of \$2,500 from the Special Parks & Recreation Fund for the Legion Baseball team. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of five yeas and one abstain from Councilmember Lapo.

Discussion was held on raising the charges for the City to mow lawns that are in violation of City code. A resolution was included in the packet, raising the cost from \$75 per hour to \$225 per hour, with a \$25 administration fee. Doane Sells made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion. The Council discussed the resolution more, and the consensus was the amount should be higher yet. The Council voted on the motion, which did not pass with two yeas cast by Doane Sells and Mike Nondorf and four nays. Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-005, with changes of the first mowing would be \$225 per hour plus a \$25 administrative fee, and \$100 more for each additional mowing, up to \$500. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-006, declaring the City's participation in the Kansas PRIDE program. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed water rates. City Manager Anderson provided information on the need for a raise in water rates, along with cuts to expenditures to help balance the Fund. Examples were given using a 5% increase. After more discussion from the Council the consensus was to raise rates 8%. Mike Palmquist made a motion to have City Manager Anderson bring back an ordinance reflecting an 8% increase in water rates, due to upcoming projects and revenue projections. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve an agreement between the Kansas Department of Commerce and the City for CDBG Funds for the purchase of a fire truck, and authorize the signing of all related documents. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to go into executive session for acquisition of real estate, for 15 minutes with the City Manager and the City Attorney. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:21 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:36 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Municipal Court was earlier in the day. Literature for the Zoning Ordinance is being reviewed.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Paperwork on unsafe structures will be started earlier in the year, with tear downs still happening in December or January.

The next Council Meeting will go back to the 7:00 p.m. start time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The City has received a clean title for the lot at 1328 19th Street, and it has been sent to the Register of Deeds Office. There will still be work to remove the back taxes from the property.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf recognized the Republic County High School Wrestling Team and their accomplishments this year.

Doane Sells reminded everyone of Belleville's 151st Anniversary this August 14th & 15th.

Tiffany Hansen asked if the summer ball program and the pool are preparing for summer activities. The pool is currently taking lifeguard applications, and the Recreation Committee just hired Robin Marston as the summer director.

Mike Palmquist thanked Karen Hansen and the other Rocky Pond Christmas volunteers for all their work each season. He also asked about the engines at the power plant and if they should be removed and salvaged.

Mayor Robertson complimented Chamber Director Waylon Sheetz and the rest of the Chamber Board on the Chamber Banquet. It was very well attended by the public. The City received the 2019 Partnership Award.

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 7:50 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk