

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2020
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, March 9, 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 and Police Chief Chris Springer.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Gary & Peggy Frint, Steve & Dawn Brown and Jay Kallman.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24th, 2020 regular 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 March 3rd, 2020 Special Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dawn Brown commented on the feral & stray cat population in Belleville, and also about the Nuisance Abatement Program.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Kelly Collard made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1020, setting the water rates for City of Belleville customers, effective on the April 1, 2020 billing. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development Director, provided an annual report and overview of Economic Development. Luke answered questions from the Council, but there was no action to be taken.

Jay Kallman, Kallman Insurance Services, presented changes to the City's insurance policy. EMC is combining all liability, vehicle, inland marine, property and other riders under one policy, which Jay will be administering. After an overview of some of the changes, the Council took action on two items. Mike Palmquist made a motion to move all vehicle deductibles that are currently at \$500 up to \$1,000 and any vehicles or equipment that have a new cost of over \$100,000 would have a deductible of \$3,000. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a voice vote. After further discussion, Mike Palmquist then made a motion to raise the vehicle liability limit to \$1,000,000. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of five yeas and one nay cast by Tiffany Hansen.

Information was included in the packet regarding the removal and salvage of the three inoperable engines at the power plant. City Manager Anderson recommended not actively pursuing the removal of the engines, and just continue to sell parts off of them as the opportunity arises. Staff had contacted a number of professionals in the field and they all recommend the value of parts over the scrap price and had concerns with safety and removal procedure. It was the consensus of the Council to leave the engines as is and sell parts off of them as the opportunities arise. No action was taken.

The Council briefly discussed the painting of the water tower. Some ideas were discussed for the font and possibly the City logo. It was the consensus of the Council to paint the entire water tower white, and check with the contractors to see if they have any recommendation for the font and logo.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

A natural gas information sheet was provided to all the Governing Body.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells mentioned the City was applying for grant funds to help fund the speed signs on the highway. He also reminded everyone of the Pride committee meeting on Wednesday, March 11th.

ADJOURNMENT:

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 7:37 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk