

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, March 23, 2020
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Belleville Council Meeting Room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 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 and Dawn Brown.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 9th, 2020 regular Council Meeting. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Manager Anderson provided information regarding the Equipment Reserve Fund. A list of the equipment and amounts budgeted in 2020 were included. The City will look at replacing a number of vehicles when funds become available. There was discussion among the Governing Body, but no action was taken at this time.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-008, setting a public hearing for an unsafe structure at 1303 18th Street. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Kim Lapo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-009, setting a public hearing for an unsafe structure at 2010 O Street. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed the current COVID-19 pandemic. Some items and activities discussed:

- The City Office will remain open at this point in time.
- The City strongly encourages the use of the drop box or online utility payments.
- The City is still planning on the summer recreation program and opening the pool.
- Recycling will be discontinued after March 24.
- The City will continue to monitor and follow updates from the federal, state and local health officials.

The Governing Body also discussed the Citywide Cleanup which is scheduled to begin on April 6th. The consensus of the Council was to continue with the cleanup if NCRPC is still planning to start inspections for the Nuisance Abatement Program right after the cleanup. Otherwise, it may be postponed. Council also discussed the use of Rocky Pond and Park playgrounds, the basketball court and how to move forward with upcoming Council meetings.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

North Central Kansas Community Network, out of Beloit, contacted the City about installing free WiFi at Rocky Pond. The only cost for the City would be the electricity to run the modem. Future plans would be to add free WiFi at the park and swimming pool.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells thanked the Police Department for their help and cooperation with the Republic County Health Department during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Kim Lapo asked how the City will conduct future meetings, and if the playgrounds at the park and Rocky Pond are still open.

ADJOURNMENT:

Doane Sells made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk