

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2020
Electronic Meeting via Zoom

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Due to current social distancing rules, the meeting was conducted electronically through online application Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 City Attorney Coleman Younger.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Jared Collete and Pat Mikesell.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 23rd, 2020 regular Council Meeting. Tiffany Hansen 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:

Jarod Collette asked if the City of Belleville would file a grant application on behalf of the Republic County youth football league. Normally the Republic County Resource Council helps with this, but they are not meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the grant application this time, due to current circumstances. City Manager Anderson will work with Jarod to gather the information. There will be no cost to the City.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Mikesell addressed the Council regarding his vacant building at 1327 28th Street. He stated that there are utilities on, he is current on taxes and he is selling items out of the building. He is also looking for someone to staff the business to help sell the items. The Council had a

number of questions. Mr. Mikesell will provide more information to City staff and an inspection of the building will be scheduled.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve an application from Republic County Hospital for an Electric Incentive. The total cost of the electric upgrade will be \$14,306.25, with the City paying for \$10,000 of the cost. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-011, setting a public hearing for an unsafe structure at 1207 O Street. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

- The park playground area is fenced off, and rims at the basketball court removed. Open areas and the walking trail are still available for use.
- Additional hand sanitizer and a forehead thermometer have been ordered for employees.
- Other cities have been contacted regarding their pools and rec programs. Most have not made a decision at this time.
- Staff will continue to monitor revenues and see how the pandemic will affect this year's and next year's budget.
- It was the consensus of the Council to continue planning of operating the swimming pool this summer, and fill the pool as normal to be ready to open when timing is appropriate. The Governing Body will continue to address these items at each meeting and monitor State guidelines and rules as they are provided.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Colman provided more COVID-19 updates from the State. Court will not be held until June.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

OCCK has contacted the City about placing a stop for the Highway 81 Connection Bus around the courthouse. Locations are being discussed.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf mentioned how well the Zoom meeting went.

Doane Sells thanked the City crews for the City-wide cleanup and provided some information regarding Belleville's 151st Anniversary.

Mike Palmquist stated that everyone needs to stay informed, and don't let fear make our decisions.

Tiffany Hansen also thanked the crews for their continued work and adjustments through the pandemic.

Kim Lapo asked how the City would feel about the Senior class putting up banners on the poles around the square, or using the grassy area at 18th & M for signs. Senior class parents

are looking at different ways to support the seniors whose school year was cut short. The Governing Body had no problem with them using either of those options. Other possibilities were discussed.

Mayor Robertson commented how we all need to help each other out through this time, as most small towns are on their own.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk