

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2020
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council Room

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ATTENDENCE:

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, Pam McGregor and Eddie Darby.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Kelly Collard made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 27th, 2020 regular Council Meeting. Doane Sells 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

- The Belleville City Rec Board met and discussed the summer ball program. They hope they can still have a shortened season.
- Pool manager Pam McGregor had questions about opening the pool this summer. The Council discussed using wristbands to count and keep track of how many are in the pool area, selling only pre-packaged snacks and whether the admission fee should be changed.
- The Rec Buss will start no earlier than June 18th, depending on the Governor's orders.
- The City Office is planning on opening to the public on May 18th.
- No disconnects for non-payment until at least the end of the month.

A public hearing was held for an unsafe structure at 2010 O Street. There were no comments from the public. Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-012, directing the repairs or removal of the structure within 120 days. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A public hearing was held for an unsafe structure at 1303 18th Street. The property owner, Eddie Darby was present and addressed the Council. After questions from the Council, Kelly Collard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-013, directing the repairs or removal of the structure within 120 days. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the structure at 910 M Street. A 90 day deadline was given for repairs to be done on the structure, which came up today. The owner contacted the office and stated he was having trouble finding contractors, and with the COVID-19 pandemic, it was difficult to get anything done. The Council discussed whether or not to give the property owner more time to make repairs. Mike Palmquist made a motion to not allow any additional time. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which did not pass on a vote of two yeas, cast by Mike Palmquist and Kelly Collard, and four nays. After more discussion on how to proceed, Kim Lapo made a motion to allow an extension to August 30th, 2020 for the property owner to make improvements. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four yeas and two nays cast by Mike Palmquist and Kelly Collard.

City Attorney Coleman Younger presented information regarding the City hiring an urban planner to help with re-writing the zoning ordinance. Coleman had examples from the City of Seneca. After discussion and questions, it was the consensus of the Council to have Coleman send a copy of Seneca's zoning material to the Governing Body, and looking at having representatives come to future Council meetings to present information.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the Water Tower. Contractors have begun sand blasting the tower. The Power Plant will need to run a number of times so the tie line can be disconnected to do work near the lines. Surrounding property owners will be notified when contractors begin spraying on primer, so any drift can be avoided. The paint will be applied with rollers. The pool will not be filled until the sandblasting is done.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Court is scheduled to continue in June

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

The filing deadline for Council positions is June 1st, 2020.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

NCKRC has will not be doing the Nuisance Abatement Program this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

An application for grant funds to help purchase a flashing radar sign for the highway was denied. This will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Tiffany Hansen commented on the structure at 18th & M Street. Cats were still getting in and out of the structure. A building on the southwest corner of the square has plywood missing from a window. City Manager Anderson stated that the property owner has been notified.

Doane Sells commented on the digital sign at 18th & M Street.

Kelly Collard mentioned how we are lucky to be living where we are compared to other areas of the nation, or large cities.

Kim Lapo commented on how nice Rocky Pond looks.

Mayor Robertson stated he felt the Council should meet in person to lead by example as we move through the pandemic.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a hand vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk