

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 26, 2020
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Tuesday, May 26, 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. 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, Pam McGregor, Steve Scofield and Bill Navis.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 11th, 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. 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 swimming pool will be filled after crews are done sand blasting the water tower. The County will have the final say in when the pool can open.
- Cost of entry into the pool will remain the same as previous years.
- There will be a shortened ball season.

City Attorney Younger provided information to the Governing Body regarding annexation into the City. There are a couple different ways of annexation, depending on property owner cooperation. There were numerous questions from the Council, but no action was taken.

Steve Scofield and Bill Navis gave an update on the Community Foundations funds for a community center. Since no plans have been made to move forward with a community center, some of that funding has been moved to other projects. Without further commitment, Steve and Bill felt that additional funding would be diverted to other projects. The Council discussed the City's role with a potential community center or if excess sales tax revenues could be set aside for a community center. More information will be brought back to a future meeting for discussion.

The Council looked at the cost of placing flashing speed limit signs on Highway 81. The City applied for grant funds to help with the \$10,766 cost of two signs, but was declined. Council discussed if they should continue with two signs, only install one for now or go to just flashing lights on an existing speed limit sign. Mike Palmquist made a motion to install two flashing speed signs on Highway 81. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion. The vote ended in a tie with Mike Nondorf, Mike Palmquist and Doane Sells voted yea, and Kim Lapo, Kelly Collard and Tiffany Hansen voting nay. Mayor Adam Robertson broke the tie with a yea vote, motion passed.

City Manager Anderson provided a time line for approving the 2021 City budget. The Council will have a preliminary discussion at the June 8th meeting, a draft budget will be brought to the June 22nd meeting and the City will need to let the County know by July 1st if the budget will need to be on the ballot in the fall.

The City reviewed an agreement and resolution for residential housing finance with Sedgwick and Shawnee counties. After some discussion and concerns from the Governing Body, no action was taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk to discuss acquisition of real estate. Tiffany Hansen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 8:12 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:27 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

An update of the Governor's press release was discussed. Court will start back up in June, and there will be a very full docket.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

The Board of Appeals will meet on June 18th to address two variance applications.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The City is looking into a couple grant opportunities with the Kansas Dept of Wildlife, possibly stocking fish at Rocky Pond, or funds to help dredge the Pond.

There is a vacancy on the City Parks & Rec Board the City is advertising for.

Contractors are at the power plant replacing the relays that have been causing some power issues over the last few weeks.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist was pleased the flashing speed signs will be installed.

Doane Sells mentioned how quickly the water tower contractors are moving. He also wanted to hear any comments from the Council regarding the electronic sign that was used at 18th & M Street.

Kim Lapo asked about Land Bank meetings and excess money in the Sales Tax Funds.

Mayor Robertson commented on the travel restrictions for Republic County.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a hand vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk