

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, June 8, 2020  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 8, 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, Public Works Director Brian Phillips and Police Chief Chris Springer

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheets, Stuart Porter, Steve Scofield, Joshua Felix, Rodolfo Felix, Blanca Estela Holguin.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

There were no disbursements for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A public hearing was held to discuss an unsafe structure at 1207 O Street. The owners Rodolfo Felix and Blanca Estela Holguin, along with their son Joshua Felix addressed the Council. The owners had some questions about what needed to be done to the property and what time frame they had to get it done. After some more questions from the Council, Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-014, setting a deadline of October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to have the repairs made or the structure removed. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. A more detailed list of violations will be sent to the owners.

Stuart Porter and Keithen Meyer presented information to the Council regarding water treatment. Two different types were discussed, Ion Exchange Treatment and Reverse

Osmosis Treatment. Ion Exchange (IX) would have a higher initial cost, but lower operating costs while the Reverse Osmosis (RO) would have a lower initial cost, but higher operating cost. The RO system would need to be built near an existing City sewer line, while the IX could be constructed anywhere along the City's raw water line. The Council had many questions regarding these two systems. Another factor that just came up this week was the Rural Water District would be interested in a joint study so both entities could have treated water. A joint endeavor could also help obtain grant funding. It was Stuart's recommendation, with the Council agreeing, that the facility would be owned by the City, and the RWD would purchase treated water from the City. Mike Palmquist made a motion to have himself, Mayor Robertson, City Manager Anderson and Public Works Director Brian Phillips meet with the RWD to start moving forward with the next feasibility study. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-015, abatement for a junk vehicle at 1334 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#### COVID-19 Update:

- The Swimming Pool opened today. There is a limit of 75 attendees at any time. This rule will be lifted on June 15<sup>th</sup>, and there will be no limit on attendees.
- The City Rec Bus will start on June 15<sup>th</sup>, with a slightly shorter week of activities.
- City staff, pool staff and rec staff will continue cleaning the facilities and equipment frequently.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the 2021 budget. The City will have the final valuation on June 15<sup>th</sup>, interest rates are projected to be low, water rates and transfers will need to be addressed, along with other items such as gas infrastructure replacement, police software and new rest rooms at Rocky Pond. A detailed draft will be brought back to the next meeting.

The Council discussed installation of lights at the volleyball court at the Park. The cost was estimated at about \$7,500. After more discussion, the Council wanted to check if the purchase of lights had been approved at an early meeting. Staff will look into this and have more information at the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the low bid of \$312,404.00 from Weis Fire & Safety Equipment for purchase of a new fire truck. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. Grant funds will pay for 50% of the cost of the fire truck.

Discussion was held on changing the maximum number of days a camper can stay at Rocky Pond. The City office has received a few requests to stay longer than the limit of 14 days. City Manager Anderson provided information on other RV parks in the area. Mike Palmquist made a motion to allow up to 30 days for a rate of \$500. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion. Other Council members were concerned of whom may be staying at Rocky Pond for extended periods and asked about an application process or if the City could require information from the persons staying at Rocky Pond. Mayor Robertson asked for a vote, and the motion did not pass with zero yeas and six nays. Kelly Collard made a motion to have City Attorney look into implementing a case by case application for those wanting to stay 30 days. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes with the City Manager, City Attorney, Police Chief and City Clerk to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 8:41 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:56 p.m. No action was taken.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

There have been some inquiries about shipping containers being used as storage structures on property. At this point they are allowed through the building permit process.

### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Kim Lapo thanked the County Commissioners and Health Department for working with the City to get the pool open for the summer.

Kelly Collard wanted to look into offering kayaks at Rocky Pond during the summer, and if that could be discussed at the next meeting.

Mike Palmquist commented on how nice the parks, ballfields and Rocky Pond looked, and wanted to extend his thanks to the City crews. He also commented on how nice it is to see people out using those facilities.

Doane Sells commented on how well of a job the water tower contractors are doing on painting the tower.

### 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 9:00 p.m.

Russell Piroutek  
City Clerk