

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 28th, 2020
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rick Snodgrass provided the open comments and prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Kim Lapo, Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, Mike Palmquist, Tiffany Hansen and Kelly Collard.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Colman Younger and Police Chief Chris Springer.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheets, Andy Lohmann, Rick & Ellie Snodgrass, Eddie Darby, Allen Smith, Kenya Cox, James Doyle Luke Mahin and Brian Shultze.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 14th, 2020 regular Council Meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ellie Snodgrass requested funding from the City for the Easter Egg hunt next spring. The Council will put this on next meeting's agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City received one bid for the parcel of land at 1328 19th Street that has been placed in the City's Land Bank Program. The bid was from Bachelor, Faulkner, Dart, Surber Funeral Home for \$4,500. Tiffany Hansen made a motion to accept the bid, and have paper work drawn up for the transfer of the property. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Eddie Darby addressed the Council regarding his property at 1303 18th Street. Mr. Darby had been given 120 days to fix or remove the structure on the property. As of the date of the meeting, no substantial improvements had been made. The Council discussed with Mr. Darby

the future of the property. Mr. Darby stated he would be willing to sell the property to the City and walk away from it. Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney for 15 minutes to discuss the acquisition of real estate. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:22 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:37 p.m. City Attorney Younger stated the Council would be willing to entertain the purchase of the property, if Mr. Darby would make repairs to the structure and have the same engineer inspect the structure within 30 days to see those repairs are made. After more discussion, Mr. Darby stated he did not feel it was feasible to accomplish the repairs due to his injuries. Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1025, authorizing the removal of the structure at 1303 18th Street. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Pastor Allen Smith addressed the Council on behalf of Mr. Darby. He asked the Council to reconsider the previous action, and allow him and other volunteers to work on the structure in an attempt to repair it. After some discussion, the Council felt Paster Smith's request warranted an extension for the removal of the structure. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1026, delaying the removal of the structure for 45 days. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried on a roll call vote of five (5) yeas and one (1) nay cast by Tiffany Hansen.

Kelly Collard made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-022, declaring the property at 1610 20th Street a nuisance. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-023, setting the City Manger's annual salary at \$73,542. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve a contract for the City Manager. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Information was provided regarding the cost of health insurance for City employees. The Council discussed the recent raise in premiums, the grandfathered plan the City is currently on and the amount of premium the employees pay. After discussion from the Council, it was the consensus to continue with BC/BS of Kansas, and make no changes to the current plan.

Tiffany Hansen made a motion to approve the appointment of Deb Carlson to the Library Board for a four-year term. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Coleman stated this would be his last meeting. His replacement, Andy Lohmann was in attendance, and will take over next meeting. He appreciated his time as Belleville's City Attorney.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson thanked Coleman for his time here at Belleville.

The mural on the south wall of Pawnee Mental Health is getting new paint.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

All the Council members and the Mayor thanked Coleman for his time with the City and wished him well in the future.

Tiffany Hansen thanked the City crews for their work.

Mike Palmquist thanked Luke Mahin for his work on the land around Love's.

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 8:15 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk