

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, October 12, 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 and Kelly Collard.

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Waylon Sheets, Andy Lohmann, Rick & Ellie Snodgrass, William Baker, Ken Johnson, James Doyle, Heath Hoge, Ben & Karen Dreesen, Jason Brinegar and Brian Shultze.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup>, 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. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken Johnson, Campbell & Johnson, P.A., provided information and estimates for proposed roads around the Love's Travel site. The Council discussed costs, drainage issues, construction and future needs for the area. The biggest concern at this time is drainage of the area. Mike Palmquist made a motion to proceed with a drainage study with Campbell & Johnson, and inquire about getting soil testing results from Love's. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ordinance No. 1027 was presented to the council, annexing in a strip of land approximately 3 acres in size for a new road near Love's Travel. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve

Ordinance No. 1027. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

At the direction of City Attorney Lohmann, Doane Sells made a motion to authorize Mayor Robertson to sign the quit claim deed and all other documents related to the transfer of the parcel of land at 1328 19<sup>th</sup> Street, from the Land Bank that was discussed at the last meeting. Kelly Collard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote

NEW BUSINESS:

Rick Snodgrass addressed the Council regarding the 2021 community Easter Egg Hunt. It is still up in the air whether the event will continue, but Mr. Snodgrass was requesting the City commit funds to the program if it does continue. After some discussion, Council member Mike Palmquist made a personal donation of \$250. He felt as word got out, others would make donations, also. It was recommended to reach out on social media to see if others would donate to the Easter Egg Hunt. Updates will be given on donations received.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-024, declaring the property at 1201 20<sup>th</sup> Street a nuisance property, and directing the owner to clean up. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-025, declaring the property at 1308 21<sup>st</sup> Street a nuisance property, and directing the owner to clean up. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the proposed Water Treatment Plant. A public hearing will be held at the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss use of KDHE funds. The City has good chances of some of the loan money being forgiven, as this is a joint project with the Rural Water District.

City crews are looking at having the swimming pool painted in the off season. The paint normally lasts about 5-7 years for a pool. The cost of painting and filling cracks is estimated to be over \$15,000. Mike Palmquist made a motion to request sealed bids for the project. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council was informed that a pedestrian had tripped on the sidewalk in front of a business around the square. As this will most likely end up on the business's liability, it did bring to question if the City is doing enough to fix and make our sidewalks safe. The council discussed if the double curbs should be removed, if there are enough handicap parking stalls and whether there should be more incentive for property owners to sign up for the sidewalk program. The Council had a lengthy discussion on the downtown sidewalks. It was the consensus of the Council to sit down with business owners around the square to get feedback from them. Chamber Director Waylon Sheetz will help with this conversation also.

A request was submitted to the City to remove a sidewalk along O Street, between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Street. The Council felt after the discussion of sidewalks, the existing sidewalk should be left or replaced, but not removed, as stated in the City Code Book. No action was taken.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Jason Brinegar, with Galloway, Wieggers & Brinegar introduced Andy Lohmann, who will take over the City Attorney roll for Coleman Younger.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The owners of the structure at 1207 O Street requested an extension until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to fix the violations on the property. The request will be discussed at the next meeting.

Another structure the City has been working on is at 2010 O Street. This property has sold and the new owners have requested the City tear the building down through the City's Structure Removal Program.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Kelly Collard thanked Pastor Allen Smith who spoke at the last meeting regarding the structure at 1303 18<sup>th</sup> Street. There has been activity there the last week.

Doane Sells appreciates citizens taking the responsibility to fix or remove the structures they own. He also mentioned more trees being planted and a spray fountain/feature at Rocky Pond.

Kim Lapo asked if there would be a fall cleanup. She also asked about continued maintenance at Rocky Pond ahead of the Christmas season.

Mike Nondorf asked if the City had received the dump trucks that were recently purchased.

Mayor Robertson mentioned a program to replace trees he was familiar with.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a hand vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Russell Piroutek  
City Clerk