City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 28, 2026
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Belleville Council Meeting Room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor James Doyle called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rick Snodgrass offered the opening prayer and comments. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Andrew Bates, Dianne Kramer, Doane Sells, Will Boman and Diane Boman.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, and City Attorney Julie Effenbeck.

Others present: Chris Zach, David Pachta, Harley Schuab, Molly Springer, Waylon Sheetz, Sandy Cole, Mikel Hadacheck, Eliza Anderson, Dawn Surber, Rick Snodgrass and Fred Arnold.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Will Boman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14th, 2026, Council Meeting. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Will Boman made a motion to approve the bills and their disbursements. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Waylon Sheetz gave a report from the Housing Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Molly Springer, Harley Schuab, Waylon Sheetz and Mike Hadachek all spoke in support of developing the green space at 18th & M Street. Harley provided renderings that included restrooms, a stage, seating and shade structures. The Governing Body spent time discussing the future of the lot and the City's involvement. Those who spoke suggested creating a task force to develop a clear plan for the lot, with recommendations of ownership, development, maintenance and funding. After more discussion, Andrew Bates made a motion to stop any sale or improvement to the lot for 12 months so the task force can bring back their ideas. Dianne Krammer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Andrew Bates made a motion to appoint Ryan Stradley to the Belleville Council to fill the unexpired term of Mike Palmquist. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Andrew Bates made a motion to appoint Diane Boman as Council president. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of 4 yeas and one nay cast by Diane Boman.

City Manager Anderson gave an update from recent meeting of the Growing Children Republic County Foundation, and their efforts to help with Republic County daycare. It was recommended to make a $5,000 donation from the Sales Tax Fund to help support their efforts to develop child care in Republic County. After some questions on exactly how the committee would use the funds, the subject was tabled to pass along the Council's thoughts to the committee.

City crews will begin work on the sidewalk between the schools on O Street, later this fall. To help ease the cash balance of the City Capital Improvement Fund, the costs will be spent out of the Sales Tax Fund.

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding an unfit structure at 1606 N Street. No comments were heard. Will Boman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-028, authorizing the repair or removal of the structure and 1606 N Street. Andrew Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Diane Boman made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-029, authorizing the incentive of $5,000 per new house construction, contingent on MIH approval. Dianne Kramer seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Will Boman made a motion to approve a street closing permit for Trunk or Treat, on October 30th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., closing M Street from the Fire House to 19th Street. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave a report on progress at the power plant. Engine #7 is being removed, and Melvin Jeardoe will help with some of the wiring of the cabinets.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Concrete was poured at the cemetery for the new kiosk.

The Chamber of Commerce is working on grant funds to help attract and retain a lawyer in Belleville.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Diane Boman thanked City crews for their work.

Will Boman thanked those who attended the meeting.

Doane Sells commented on Community Empowerment activities.

Andrew Bates talked about community involvement and getting continued feedback from the public.

Mayor Doyle commented on the upcoming Homecoming events and the High School food drive.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Will Boman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk