

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, January 25, 2021
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Kim Lapo, Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Nick Cox.

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

Others present: Fred Arnold and Waylon Sheetz.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2021 regular Council Meeting. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Estimates were provided by Campbell & Johnson for engineering of the roads north and south of Love's Travel. The total cost would be \$54,500 to design the north road (1,300 feet), the south road (525 feet), the intersection and the detention pond. After some discussion, the Council felt it was important to have streets in place and drainage solved to help attract businesses. Mike Palmquist made a motion to proceed with the designs as presented, with the costs being paid from the City Capital Improvement Fund. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council briefly discussed obtaining an additional ½ acre at the intersection of the two roads. The consensus was to get the engineering back from Campbell & Johnson to see if it is needed.

Information was provided regarding the City's sidewalk program and additional sidewalks along M Street. At least 2,200 feet of sidewalk would need to be installed or replaced to have a continuous sidewalk from Casey's to the park. Council discussed how this could be funded. Concerns were shared regarding overall cost of the sidewalk, if the property owners should share some of the cost and if an overall plan for sidewalk replacement needs to be developed. Also discussed was installing a sidewalk from the Elementary School to the High School and adding additional incentive to the current program to encourage more property owners to take advantage of it. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Council was to place it on the next meetings agenda with the City Manager bringing back more information and costs.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to set a deadline of April 12th, 2021 for repairs at 1303 18th Street, at which that time an engineering inspection will have been conducted on the building. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The City received notice of award for \$2,500 from Dane G. Hansen to go towards the purchase of a fountain for Rocky Pond. The Belleville Pride Committee and the City will split the balance of the cost of the fountain, which will be approximately \$704 each. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the purchase of the fountain for Rocky Pond. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1030, adopting solid waste fees for residential and commercial customers of the City of Belleville, Kansas. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a six-month agreement with Republic County Solid Waste for \$12,536.51. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Ranson Financial provided the City with a water rate analysis in conjunction with the construction of a water treatment plant, and how the City's water rates would be affected. Their analysis shows an increase of 19% in water rates would be needed, but did not take into account a number of factors that would help reduce that amount. The Council briefly discussed increasing the rates by another 8% as was done in 2020. The City will most likely know by the end of the month if an application for partial loan forgiveness has been accepted. The Council decided to table the discussion until the next meeting, but also have an ordinance ready at the next meeting to raise the rates, if needed.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-004, adopting the Kansas Homeland Security Region (F) Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Adam Anderson as Director #1, Russ Piroutek as Director #2 and Brian Phillips as the Alternate Director on the Kansas Municipal Energy Agency Board of Directors. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to share the cost of the January water bill at 1206 22nd Street with the owner, due to a leak in the crawlspace. The City will credit \$152.20 to the account. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed how to proceed with the Nuisance Abatement Program. Due to staffing shortages, North Central Regional Planning is unsure if they will continue with the program. Councilmembers wanted to continue with the program, at least to finish the last 3 sections of town and then look at going in-house. Mike Palmquist made a motion to continue with the Nuisance Abatement Program in 2021 and ask that NCRPC also continue. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Economic Development received \$27,000 from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation to help with Neighborhood Revitalization, including painting houses and incentives to move to smaller accommodations, if needed.

City Manager Anderson also asked about a surplus policy and how to handle disposing of items not needed by the City. The Council recommended placing an ad in the paper for all to have the option to bid.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

James Doyle commented on how well the City crews are doing at cleaning the City Streets.

Doane Sells also thanked the City crews for their work. He has also been in contact with different entities on sidewalk programs and funding.

Mike Nondorf and Kim Lapo agreed with the street cleaning.

Mayor Robertson stated it was a good snow for the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk