

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 26, 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. Pastor Rick Snodgrass offered the opening prayer. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Dan Douglas, Molly Springer, Molly Williams, Elly Williams, Harley Schuster, Chris Springer, and Hans Hansen.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Will Boman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12th, 2026, Council Meeting. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Molly Springer, Belleville Chamber & Main Street Director discussed several items with the Council, including downtown planters, shade at the band shell and a grant for new signage for businesses. Also mentioned was a Rural Champions grant opportunity, which would help pay for a part-time person who would work on downtown beautification and strategic planning. Matching funds required is \$5,200. Mike Palmquist made a motion to designate \$5,200 from the Economic Development line item in the budget, for matching funds to apply for the Rural Champions grant. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Power Plant Operator John McChesney gave an update on the installation of Engine #9, status of Engine #7a and issues with Engines #5 and #6. Engine #7a has been tested, painted and

is ready to be shipped to Missouri, if the Council approves the purchase. Mike Palmquist made a motion to purchase engine #7a, for \$315,000, to be spent out of the Electric Operating Fund. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Power Plant was called on to generate the previous weekend due to the cold weather. Only engine #8 ran reliably. Engine #5 ran intermittently but would automatically shut down as engine temperatures began to fluctuate. Engine #6 did not generate, as it was overdue for an oil change. Purchasing an exhaust stack for 7a was considered. It is questionable if the existing stack will work with the new engine. After more discussion, the Council felt like it would be better to purchase a new stack but took no action at this time.

The last item presented was quotes for enlarging the north overhead door to accommodate removing Engine #7 and installing Engine #7a. A quote from Overhead Door of NCK included a 14' door and installation for \$15,077 and an additional \$9,186 for a bug screen. Mike Palmquist made a motion not to exceed \$26,000 for the door and screen, being paid out of the Electric Reserve Fund. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for personal matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, City Manager, and the City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:05 p.m. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:46 p.m. The Council returned at 8:05 p.m. No action was taken.

A request was made by the Republic County Economic Development Board, for a one-time increase in funding from the City of \$15,000, to help with the recruitment of an Economic Development Director. Will Boman made a motion to go into executive session for data relating to financial affairs of second parties, with the Mayor, City Manager, and the City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:20 p.m. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:12 p.m. The Council returned at 8:12 p.m. No action was taken in executive session.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to make a onetime additional payment of \$15,000, in 2026 to the Republic County Economic Development Board. Dianne Kramer seconded the motion, which after discussion, carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-004, authorizing the abatement of nuisance items at 2727 N Street. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Diane Boman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1088, setting the landfill rates for City of Belleville customers. Mike Palmquist 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 \$13,058.15, for landfill fees. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage license for 2026, for White's Foodliner, 2311 M Street, for sale in original package only. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS:

John McChesney was thanked for his extra work over the weekend generating. Also, City Manager Anderson thanked the City crews for their time cleaning snow off the streets this last week.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

The Councilmembers were in consensus to thank City staff for the work during the recent snowstorm by cleaning streets and sidewalks and generating at the power plant.

Mayor Doyle reminded the Governing Body about the upcoming City Awards Banquet, opportunity for grants through North Central Regional Planning and improvements at Rocky Pond.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mike Palmquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk