

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 8, 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, City Attorney Andy Lohmann and Police Chief Chris Springer.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Luke Mahin and Waylon Sheetz.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 25th, 2021 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. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Luke Mahin, Republic County Economic Development, gave an update on 2020 activities and what programs RCED had available. The Governing Body had some questions, but no action was taken.

The Council discussed adding additional incentives to the Sidewalk Improvement Program. Currently, the City pays for the cost of the concrete for the sidewalk. It was proposed that the City offer the property owner an option to make payments for the labor of installing the sidewalk. A number of factors were discussed including how many could sign up for this incentive, payments back to the City would be ACH, the customer would need to have good payment history with the City and what the budget would be. After a lengthy discussion, Doane Sells made a motion to move forward with the new incentive. James Doyle seconded

the motion. The Council briefly discussed what items would be included in the motion, emphasizing the ACH as payment and if it could be done with the current City Office set up. Staff will bring back recommendation on this to the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council next discussed the installation of a sidewalk on M Street from Casey's to the City Park. The City had just received a donation of \$1,000 from a citizen for this project. The Council spent time discussing whether this project should be done in house, or bid out, where the funds would come from to pay for the project, acquiring more donations, what other projects this could put off this summer and if the City should seek a more formal engineering drawings for the project. It was the consensus of the Council to spend more time discussing this at a planning session, where they can prioritize upcoming projects.

Also briefly discussed was the installation of a sidewalk from the elementary school to the High School. It was decided to bring to the planning session, an actual footage of concrete that would need to be installed. There were also comments about installing a flashing red/yellow light at the intersection of 23rd & O Streets or 23rd & P Streets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1031, adopting water rates for residential and commercial customers of the City of Belleville, Kansas. This ordinance reflects an 8% increase in rates. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Kim Lapo made a motion to approve the appointment of Brett Klima to the Parks & Recreation Board. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Kim Lapo made a motion to go into executive session for twenty minutes with just the Governing Body to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, appointed position evaluations. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:43 p.m. Council returned at 7:57 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Andy Lohmann stated some of his thoughts on questions the Council had regarding the sidewalk discussions earlier.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The City will receive a donation to purchase speakers for the City ballfields. Emma Morris had spent the last year fundraising to go and play softball overseas, but her trip was cancelled due to COVID-19. She decided to give the funds back to the community for different needs.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells wanted to see the purchasing of the ½ acre out at the Love's site be put back on the agenda for more discussion.

Kim Lapo thanked the City crews for all their work clearing snow.

James Doyle also thanked the City crews and downtown building owners for clearing snow.

Mike Palmquist requested that Public Works Director Brian Phillips attend the meetings so the Council can benefit from his knowledge.

Nick Cox also commented on the good job of streets being cleared.

Mayor Robertson echoed everyone else's comments.

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