

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, February 22, 2021  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Governing Body met earlier at 5:00 p.m. for a planning meeting, discussing current and upcoming projects. The planning session ended shortly before the regular meeting started.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Pastor Rick Snodgrass gave the opening prayers and comments.

ATTENDANCE:

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, Rick Snodgrass, Arlene Clayton and Waylon Sheetz.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Arlene Clayton commented on the intersection of Highway 36 and 81.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Council reviewed information regarding adjusting the current Sidewalk Improvement Program to include working with customers with payments on the labor side of the construction. Doane Sells made a motion to approve the plan as presented, increasing the overall budget by \$10,000 and using ACH for payments from the customer, with all other parts of the program remaining the same. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Governing Body discussed other options for the nuisance abatement program. North Central Regional Planning Commission informed the City they will not be administering the

program due to staff shortages. None of the other options looked into by City Staff appear to be feasible. The consensus of the Council was to continue with the other sections of town in the same fashion as the first two sections. Options of contracting services and hiring an employee were discussed. It was decided to table the discussion until next meeting when more information, job duties and costs could be presented.

James Doyle made a motion to appoint Russ Piroutek as City Clerk, Chris Springer as Police Chief, Andy Lohman as City Attorney and Scott Condray as Municipal Judge. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for five minutes with just the Governing Body to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:03 p.m. Council returned at 7:08 p.m. No action was taken.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The City of Belleville was recently deeded the American Legion Hall and property. In the original deed, it was stated that if the Legion officially disbanded, the building and property would revert back to the City of Belleville. The council discussed if the property should be placed in the Landbank or offered for sale. There is one party that has already inquired about purchasing the property. It was the consensus of the Council to get some pictures from the interior to see what was left in the building and discuss it again at next meeting.

Estimates to repair sewer manholes were presented to the Council. Costs ranged from approximately \$1,500 to \$3,000. After some discussion from the Council, Mike Palmquist made a motion to have staff choose the worst 5 manholes in town, and proceed with them. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an agreement with Schwab Eaton, P.A. for the engineering of the water treatment plant for \$495,700. This agreement would be contingent on the City being approved for a KDHE loan for the project. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice payment.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Information was handed out to the Council regarding different grant opportunities through the State.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Kim Lapo thanked the City crews for their work during the cold weather the last couple weeks. She was also grateful that the City has kept the power plant in operating condition over the years, as it was a valuable asset during the cold snap.

Doane Sells mentioned that the Pride Committee is scheduled to have activities on August 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. He also commented the good job the City crews did during the cold weather.

Mike Nondorf, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Nick Cox commended City crews on their dedication over the last couple weeks with running the power plant, keeping the gas flowing and clearing City streets, along with all the daily duties that needed to be done.

Mayor Robertson stated he went to the Power Plant while they were generating last week, and was impressed with the dedication of the City employees.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Russell Piroutek  
City Clerk