

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2026
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 23rd, 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, Mike Palmquist and Diane Boman.

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Paul Stokebrand, Jake Williams, Chris Springer, and Hans Hansen.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 9th, 2026, Council Meeting. Andrew Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Snodgrass announced that the Assembly of God Church would no longer sponsor the annual community Easter Egg Hunt, due to insurance issues and negative feedback.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul Stockebrand with Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks provided information to the Governing Body regarding Rocky Pond. At this point, the pond will not be stocked with fish due to low water levels which causes annual kill of the fish. He estimated the maximum depth in the pond is 4 feet. The Council discussed dredging and grant opportunities. There is a wetlands portion, north of the main road, where if cleaned out of silt, could help capture additional silt from runoff. The Council felt this was a good place to start to help slow the silt issue. No action was taken.

Jake Williams, property owner at 1846 K Street, addressed the Council regarding the condition of the structure on that property. His plans are to remove the porch in the front that is causing

the property to be unsafe. He hoped to have it finished in 60 days. He will return and give an update at the May 11, 2026 regular meeting.

City Manager Anderson reviewed the financial state of Electric Funds with the Governing Body. The costs of Engine #9 and forecasted costs of Engine #7a will deplete both funds. The Council spent time discussing priorities, and decided that holding off on AMI metering and concentrating on the engines was the best direction to move forward with. Updates will be given as more expenses are made and as the capacity payment changes.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a parade permit, for Republic County High School Prom, on April 25, 2026 on P Street. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice.

The Council discussed replacing one of the scoreboards at the ballfields and repairing another. If repairs can't be made, it may need to be replaced also. Styles and costs were discussed. Mike Palmquist made a motion to purchase two scoreboards, if repairs cannot be made, with costs not to exceed \$15,000, to be paid from the Sales Tax fund. Andrew Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:25 p.m. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:15 p.m. The Council returned at 8:25 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Judge Steier presided over his first Municipal Court earlier in the day and everything went well. A cemetery agreement was sent to City staff for review and will be used when cemetery plots are purchased.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Chief Springer has provided a list of police vehicles, and timeline for replacements. This will be discussed at a future meeting. Also, nuisance ordinances were provided to the Council to review. This will be discussed at the next planning meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Diane Boman thanked Paul Stockebrand and Jake Williams for coming to the meeting.

Andrew Bates mentioned that he has been talking to an ex-law enforcement officer about doing nuisance abatement for the City.

Mayor Doyle commented on heavy equipment on City streets. He also touched on nuisance abatement and 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 8:37 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk