

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

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Pastor Rick Snodgrass gave the opening prayers and comments.

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, Rick Snodgrass, Steve & Emily Breeden and Waylon Sheetz.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8th, 2021 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle 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:

The Governing Body continued discussion of a code enforcement officer for the Nuisance Abatement Program. The City Manager provided cost estimates for a part time and full-time employee, timeline of the program and costs from previous years. The Council spent a great deal of time considering whether this should be a part time position or be a contractor paid a lump sum for the entire project and how large of a section should be done. Mike Palmquist made a motion to advertise for a Nuisance Officer to be paid \$18,000 to inspect the properties north of 18th Street to the City Limits and east of M Street to the City limits. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which passed on a voice vote of five yeas and one nay cast by Doane Sells.

The Council discussed the future of the American Legion Building. Doane Sells made a motion to sell the property by sealed bid, with a number of other items in the building also sold by sealed bid individually. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The property and contents will be advertised for approximately 30 days and an open house will be considered.

Results were presented from a community survey regarding City sidewalks. A vast majority felt a sidewalk between the elementary school and the high school would benefit the community. A cost estimate was given to construct this sidewalk from along O Street. Approximately 1,000 feet will need to be installed and seven ramps, which will be about 64 yards of concrete for a cost of less than \$10,000. There was question if the old flashing light that was at 18th & K was still with the City and could be used at 23rd & O Street. The Council will continue discussing the sidewalk at future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doane Sells made a motion to appoint Karen Hansen to the Belleville Parks and Recreation Board. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sell made a motion to approve an application for a one cent per kilowatt reduction for Sheetz and Suds Laundry, 1318 19th Street. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Campbell & Johnson, P.A. are continuing with the engineering survey of the roads around the Love's Travel Stop. Two options were provided for the intersection just south of the Love's. The intersection could be a straight T intersecting with 7th Street, or have a slight curve to match up with the street going to the north. After some discussion on traffic flow and safety, Mike Palmquist made a motion to proceed with the straight T intersection. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Approximately \$1,000 will be spent on upgrades to the sound system in the Council room to improve the live stream of Council meetings on Facebook Live.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist was pleased with the work that was accomplished this evening. He would also like to hear more about the tours staff took at different Water Treatment Plants.

James Doyle offered his help in finding a home for the flags that are currently at the American Legion Hall.

Doane Sells commented on the survey that was taken regarding city sidewalks and the essay program.

Mike Nondorf also thought things went well tonight.

Mayor Robertson commented on charging stations for electric cars and would like to see representatives meet with City staff.

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 8:11 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk