

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 14th, 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.

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 Lohman, Police Chief Chris Springer and Power Plant Operator Jon McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass and Scott McGee

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 24th, 2021 regular Council Meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 27th, 2021 special 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. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Snodgrass mentioned a number of stop signs around town that need to have limbs cut around them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Doane Sells made a motion to donate the 1962 Mack Fire Truck to the Republic County Historical Museum later this month, after the new fire truck arrives. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve up to \$35,000 towards the purchase of spare parts from the City of Hoisington, for the Municipal Power Plant, including cylinder heads, pumps fuel lines valves and bearings. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Scott McGee gave an update on the Nuisance Abatement Program. The initial letters were recently sent out, and the City has received feedback from some of the property owners. He stated he has received more positive comments from the public than negative. Scott also had some recommendations he felt should be clarified in the Ordinance.

An option to finance the water treatment plant through a USDA loan was presented to the Council. This alternative was not as attractive to the City as the current Kansas Public Water Supply Loan, as the interest rate was slightly higher, and the City's water rates would most likely need to be increased. No action was taken.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve an application for a street closing for a special event, on July 31st, 2021, for the Vintage Nationals Breakfast on the Square. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to replace a 2002 Chevy pickup out of the Electric Department and a 2002 Chevy pickup out of the Water Department for approximately \$33,000 apiece. Funds would be spent out of the Equipment Reserve Fund. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the appointment of Randy Skocny to the Belleville Housing Authority Board for a four-year term. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City crews are working on some sidewalks around town.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells appreciated the sidewalk that was installed near the basketball court at the park. He also mentioned that the Rural Fire District will replace three of the overhead doors at the fire house.

James Doyle commented that the races were very well attended this last weekend.

Mike Palmquist asked about the eminent domain procedure. The City Attorney stated that a survey is currently being done on the property.

Nick Cox thanked the City crews for all the work they are doing this time of year.

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 7:34 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk