

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Belleville Council Meeting Room. The Governing Body met at 6:00 p.m. for a planning meeting to have an update given on the Power Plant by Steve Payne, a customer utility billing issue, updates on the property at 1201 15th Street and A.I. Data Centers.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor James Doyle called the Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rick Snodgrass offered the opening prayer and comments. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Andrew Bates, Dianne Kramer, Doane Sells, Will Boman, Mike Palmquist and Diane Boman.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Julie Effenbeck and Power Plant Foreman John McChesney.

Others present: Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass, Sandy Cole, Mia Myer, Chris Zack, Dawn Surber, Dan Douglas, JR Robl and Fred Arnold.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Will Boman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22nd, 2026, Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pastor Rick Snodgrass mentioned the Assembly of God Church will offer free school supplies to students this year.

Dawn Suber had concerns regarding the condition of the alley behind Bachelor's Funeral Home, along with the property across the alley.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1090, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 1710 20th Street. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1091, annexing a parcel of land into the Belleville City limits. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a claim against the City in the amount of \$10,727.65 for a sewer back up at 2615 K Street. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The City will review water and electric usage next month for any excess use during cleanup due to the backup.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a contract with Schwab Eaton, PA, for a preliminary engineering report for a proposed sewer treatment plant or lagoon system. The overall cost of services will not exceed \$45,000. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The proposed 2027 budget was reviewed. Transfers from the Electric Fund to the Equipment Reserve fund were suspended for 2027 to help lower the overall expenditures. Andrew Bates made a motion to publish the budget as proposed, with a revenue neutral rate, and set the public hearing for August 10, 2026. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Will Boman made a motion to appoint Sarah Talkington to the Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

JR Robl, Dan Douglas and Chris Zack presented information regarding support for a MIH application. Also discussed with the Council was the Reinvestment Housing Incentive Districts and Neighborhood Revitalization Program opportunities. After a lengthy discussion and questions from the Council, no action was taken.

Will Boman made a motion to approve a street closing permit for Fair Amusement, on O Street, adjacent to the fairgrounds, during the NCK Free Fair. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Effenbeck had questions about the deadline for the land purchase agreement with Andrew Clark.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The packet will be sent out early for the next meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Diane Boman hoped everyone would stay safe as the weather turns hotter.

Mike Palmquist talked about the Power Plant and wholesale electric providers in the area.

Doane Sells commented on all those who helped make the summer ball program a success. He also mentioned the upcoming fishing derby.

Andrew Bates commented on the end of the ball season.

Mayor Doyle mentioned that Senators Elaine Bowers and Lisa Moser will be at the City Office on Thursday, July 30th to discuss local projects and issues. James also talked about Facebook.

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 8:10 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk