City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2026
City Council Meeting Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, August 24, 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 provided 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 and City Attorney Julie Effenbeck.

Others present: Hans Hansen, Chris & Molly Springer, Chris Zach, Jeff Medina, Pam McGregor and Fred Arnold.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10th, 2026, Council Meeting. Will Boman 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:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Molly Springer, Chamber Director, gave an update on activities and grant funds received for improvements at the grassy lot. The Council discussed future plans for the grass lot. Mike Palmquist made a motion to rescind an offer to Andrew Clark for the purchase of a portion of the lot. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council continued to discuss how to proceed with improvements to the lot. After a lengthy discussion, Mike Palmquist made a motion to allow Republic County Economic Development to apply for grants under the City of Belleville for future improvements. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. A plan for improvements will be brought back to a future meeting.

Chris Zach, Economic Development Director, gave a report on activities and items he is currently working on.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for the use of the downtown lot on September 11th, for a community hamburger feed. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve an application for the use of the downtown lot on September 12th, for Autumn Fest. Diane Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a street closing permit for Autumn Fest on September 12th, closing M Street from the Fire House to 19th Street. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council discussed an unsafe structure at 1602 N Street, 720 M Street and 1710 20th Street. Jeff Medina, owner of 1710 20th Street, asked the Council not to tear down the structure, as he was prepared to fix the concerns raised by the Governing Body at an earlier meeting. After many questions from the Governing Body, it was the consensus to hold off on the demo for 45-60 days as it will take the contractor that amount of time before demo would start. The Council also requested bi-weekly reports from Mr. Medina on his progress. Andrew Bates made a motion to approve the bids from Jensen Construction and continue with the demolition of the other two properties. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Will Boman made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney and return to the Council room at 8:05 p.m. Mike Palmqusit seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:55 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:05 p.m. No action was taken.

Doane Sells made a motion to appoint Alan Riecky and Eric Jones to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which passed on a unanimous vote.

City Manager Anderson gave a quick update on ballfield improvements. A few companies have been contacted to see what renovation or construction could be done to Belleville's fields. This will continue to be worked on over the next few months.

More information was provided regarding a courtesy vehicle at the airport for pilots to use. Several small airports in the area do offer courtesy vehicles, but usage is rare. It was recommended to table the discussion until the City has surplus vehicles and it can be discussed further at that time.

The City is submitting an application to the State for a sewer lagoon system. This application does not lock the City into a lagoon system, it just helps make it a potential option. The Council briefly discussed the location, mechanical system versus lagoon system and impacts on the golf course. Mike Palmquist made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign documents

related to the application to KDHE. Andrew Bates seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-024, abating the nuisances at 1315 20th Street. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Andrew Bates made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2026-025, declaring the property at 2606 L Street a nuisance. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the purchase of two aeration fountains for the water treatment plant lagoons from The Pond Guy, for a total cost of $26,258.06. Will Boman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mayor Doyle passed on a request from the Highbanks Racetrack. They are in the process of applying for grant funds to replace lights around the turns and back stretch. Through the application process they would like to include the use of City bucket trucks and staff to help install the lights as an in-kind donation. The Council was in support of this project but wanted estimated man hours of City staff working on this project. This will be brought back to the next meeting.

The City has received complaints regarding vegetation growing in the ditch along 21st Street, from Q Street to S Street. A number of years ago, the Council decided maintenance should be the property owner's responsibility. However, maintaining the ditch is difficult. After more discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have City staff maintain the ditch on a regular basis and spray all vegetation. All other ditches, waterways and easements will still be property owner's responsibilities as stated in City Code.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Diane Boman reminded everyone to watch for school buses and children crossing the street.

Will Boman commented on a local canvasser, Zofia Malesa, who is selling educational books.

Doane Sells thanked all the ball coaches, umpires and participants, along with pool staff for a good summer season.

Andrew Bates asked for an update on the Power Plant and cautioned everyone about the impact of negative comments in public.

Mike Palmquist announced his resignation from the Belleville City Council, effective at the end of this meeting. He will no longer live within the City limits of Belleville. He highlighted a number of items the Council should still work on. Mayor Doyle stated that a replacement will be discussed at the next meeting.

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 8:45 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk