

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 13, 2021
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 13th, 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. Pastor Rick Snodgrass gave the opening prayers and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDANCE:

Council members present: Kim Lapo, Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Nick Cox.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson (via telephone), City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Andy Lohman and Police Chief Chris Springer.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Arlene Clayton, Denis Miller and Scott McGee.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 23rd, 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. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Arlene Clayton talked about pictures in the Belleville Telescope.

OLD BUSINESS:

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding exceeding the revenue neutral rate for the 2022 budget. No comments were heard from the public. James Doyle made a motion to close the public hearing. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-051, stating the City of Belleville will levy a property tax exceeding the calculated revenue neutral rate for the 2022 budget. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the 2022 City budget, as published in the Belleville Telescope. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Denis Miller, Mapes & Miller, LLC, provided the 2020 audit report to the Council. Mr. Miller reviewed the City funds and touched on items that need to be corrected. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Scott McGee, Nuisance Abatement Officer, gave a report on a few properties for the Council to take action. Mike Palmquist made a motion to abate the nuisances at 1325 15th Street. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Kim Lapo made a motion to abate the nuisances at 901 N Street. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to abate the nuisances at 1602 Q Street. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

An ordinance was provided in the packet allowing shipping containers to be placed on airport property. The Council had concerns that too many containers may end up at the airport. It was considered to have a yearly permit process to be approved by the Council. The City Manager will work on process for approval for the next meeting. No other action was taken.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a parade permit for the Homecoming Parade on September 17th, at 2 p.m. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to conduct the City Manager's evaluation. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:53 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:18 p.m. Kim Lapo made a motion to contract with Adam Anderson as City Manager for another year, at his current rate. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox apologized for missing the last meeting, and thanked the City crews for what the work they do.

Mike Palmquist commented on how busy the pool was this season.

James Doyle also thanked the City crews for their work. He also thanked Pam McGregor for her 16 years as pool manager.

Doane Sells commented on the half mast display around the courthouse. The City received \$18,250 for sidewalks to Rocky Pond and that the Kansas Department of Wildlife put 500 bass in Rocky Pond.

The Council briefly discussed the City Manager working on more grants for the Pride Committee. Mike Palmquist made a motion to have City Manager Anderson work on multiple grants for fishing derbies and a music festival for the pride committee. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Nondorf commented on how nice Rocky Pond looks.

Kim Lapo mentioned that the band shell might be used more if there were sidewalks from the parking areas. She also asked about a fall cleanup date.

Mayor Robertson said the employee picnic was well attended and all had a good time.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk