

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, October 11, 2021
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, October 11, 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, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, City Attorney Andy Lohman, Police Chief Chris Springer and Officer Jon Strowig.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Sandy Cole, Dawn Surber, Lynn Ridder Rodney Carver, Jennifer Tashkesen, Larry Bruner and Gary Jensen.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

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

James Doyle made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chamber Director Waylon Sheetz gave an update on Trunk or Treat on October 29th.

Gary Jensen addressed the Council regarding the City towing his vehicle after it was considered a nuisance.

Larry Brunner briefly commented on the Nuisance Abatement Program and whether it was legal.

Rodney Carver echoed Larry Brunner's comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

City manager Anderson gave an overview of the bid results for the new vac truck. The City received a grant from the USDA for \$50,000 to help pay for the truck. After some discussion of options, James Doyle made a motion to purchase a heavy-duty vac truck from Key Equipment for \$521,255, being paid out of the Equipment Reserve Fund. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The actual cost of the truck will be less when the \$50,000 of grants funds are subtracted out, along with an estimated \$30,000-\$50,000 for trade in or sale of the current vac truck. This would bring the overall cost down to around \$440,000

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the maximum grant amounts awarded to local businesses through the State CDBG-CV3 grant program. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

After a number of sewer backups in the same area of Country Club Drive, Mike Palmquist made a motion to install back-flow preventors on the customers service lines who are affected by the backup, to help prevent backup in their houses. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The back-flow preventors will be optional to the homeowners, but will be installed at the city's expense and will then be the customer's responsibility for maintenance in the future.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the new road and intersection near Love's Travel Stop. Ken Johnson will be able to attend the next meeting. The City has submitted a grant application to the Kansas Department of Transportation to help with the cost. The City will be notified by the end of October if they were awarded any funds. All the crushed concrete has been hauled to location by City Staff. Local Banks, along with the City's auditors were contacted about financing the project, but banks are not allowed to loan directly to municipalities, but could buy bonds if the City was to proceed with a bond election. It was noted that phase one of the project could proceed with existing funds the City has, but it would most likely be cheaper to bid out all phases at one time, opposed to individually. After some discussion by the Council, James Doyle made a motion to have a special meeting on Monday, October 18th, at 7 p.m., to discuss road financing. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. Options of funding will be provided to the Council prior to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:35 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:50 p.m. Mike Palmquist made a motion to charge the underbilled customers for the last 12 months of underbilling, with the option to payback the amount over the next 12 months. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of five (5) yeas and one abstain, cast by Doane Sells.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Anderson has received quotes from a number of vendors for the construction of the new Rest Rooms at Rocky Pond. Since these are the vendors who constructed the Rest Rooms at the Park, it was suggested the City forego the sealed bid process, and proceed with these contractors in hopes they could start yet this fall. Council directed the City Manager to gather more information from contractor's and look into getting engineer drawings for the rest rooms.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist commented on the road near Love's.

James Doyle had questions regarding towing vehicles. He also mentioned having a planning meeting on November 8th, at 5 p.m., to start discussing and prioritizing projects for next year, which he put into a motion. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells commented on the crews working with the County to seal the City streets, the housing project and thanked Luke Mahin for what he does for the City with Economic Development.

Mike Nondorf was looking forward to the Trunk or Treat that was coming up on October 29th.

Kim Lapo mentioned that she was excited to go bowling recently as the Bowling Alley has reopened and it was good to see things busy downtown in the evenings.

Mayor Robertson commented on the road work that was being done. He also announced that he just recently became a new dad.

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 8:14 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk