

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, November 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Governing Body met prior to the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m., for a planning meeting, with all in attendance, except Kim Lapo. The Council discussed upcoming projects and the status of current projects. Nuisance Abatement Officer Scott McGee was also in attendance to discuss the program and how to proceed in the future. The planning meeting adjourned shortly before the regular meeting began.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Robertson called the Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Rick Snodgrass gave the opening prayers and comments. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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, Officer Jon Strowig and Officer Brian Schultz.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Waylon Sheetz, Lynn Ridder, Sandy Cole, Keithen Myer and Skyler Tuxhorn.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 25th, 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 Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chamber Director Waylon Sheetz gave an update on the empty building tour on November 16th, from 5-7 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Skyler Tuxhorn addressed the Council about installing signs in front of two parking stalls in front of his business, Tuxie's Ten Pin, designating them for curbside food pickup. The Council discussed the request, but had concerns with placing permit signs in front of stalls

that were meant for public parking. It was the consensus of the Council to allow a mobile or temporary sign to be placed in front of the stalls during operating hours to help with curb side delivery.

Keithen Myer, Schwab Eaton, P.A. provided a report on the status of the Water Treatment Plant plans. With final approvals for the plant still pending from KDHE, the City may not be able to advertise for bids until May, 2022. The Council expressed frustration in the length of the timeline, and asked if there is anyway to speed up the process with KDHE. Keithen replied that KDHE has many projects and looks at them in order received, and most likely there is no way to speed up the process. The Council had other questions, but no action was taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1040, authorizing and directing the removal of certain unsafe and dangerous structures located at Lot Two (2), Block Sixteen (16), Original Township of the City of Belleville, Belleville, Kansas, commonly known as 1303 18th Street. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

City Attorney Andy Lohmann gave an update on what he has found out regarding other Cities efforts to prevent additional gas costs after the extraordinary gas costs that occurred in February of 2021. Many Cities may join together and file a class action lawsuit if needed. Information will continue to be provided to the Council as it becomes available.

James Doyle made a motion to appoint Kelby Couture to the Parks and Recreation Board for a 3-year term. Kim Lapo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Parks and Rec Committee for future programs, outlining responsibilities for both the City and the Recreation Committee. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Adam Anderson received concerns about the weed spray that is used at Rocky Pond and on the Streets in Belleville. After some discussion, the City may post that Rocky Pond has sprayed on those days.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox thanked the City employees for their work, and also thanked the public for their patience as the City works on multiple projects.

Mike Palmquist thanked all the volunteers who help with Rocky Pond Christmas.

James Doyle congratulated the Council elects.

Doane Sells reminded everyone about the Veterans Day Parade on Thursday and Christmas on the Square, on November 26th.

Mike Nondorf commented on the pancake fee at the Golden Bell Haven on Veterans Day.

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 7:23 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk