

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

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Mayor Adam Robertson, Council President Mike Palmquist called the 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: Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle and Mike Palmquist.

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

Others present: Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Aaron Westbrook, Eddie Darby, Steve Scofield, Sang Hak Lee, Robert Doctor and John Richardson.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 22nd, 2021 regular Council Meeting. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Scofield provided information regarding the Republic County Community Foundation's match month for the month of December.

OLD BUSINESS:

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for 30 minutes for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 6:38 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 7:03 p.m. No action was taken.

The City Attorney made a statement that Ordinance 1041, which would rescind Ordinance 1040, the removal of the structure at 1303 18th Street, would not be approved at this time, and the original ordinance would still be in effect. The property owner was encouraged to contact the City Attorney to provide written documentation of the last inspection, and discuss the next steps in the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding the amendment of the 2021 budget. The City will amend the General, City Recreation, Special Fire Equipment, Special Parks, Gas Operating and Health Insurance Funds. No comments were heard from the public. Doane Sells made a motion to approve the 2021 Amended Budget as presented. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1042, authorizing an agreement between the City of Belleville and the State of Kansas, Department of Transportation, to obtain an Economic Development Grant, to help with the construction of a road near Love's Travel Stop. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

An option to purchase 5 acres of land east of Belleville for a housing Development was presented to the Governing Body. The Council briefly reviewed and discussed the option to purchase. It was the consensus of the Council to purchase all lots outright instead of individually. The City Manager will get back into contact with the property owner.

City staff, along with the City Manager were investigating low water pressure on 170 Road, north of town. A number of changes were tried to increase the pressure, but due to the elevation of the services and distance from the water tower, the pressures could not be increased.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-055, assigning the City's opioid claims to the Kansas Attorney General. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve cereal malt beverage license for Food Mart Thriftway, 2311 M Street, Love's Travel Stop, 1356 US Highway 81, Casey's General Store, 1307 28th Street and Family Dollar, 1109 28th Street, for sale in unopened containers, for 2022. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a cereal malt beverage license for Wood Shop Pizza & Coffee, 1317 18th Street, for consumption on premises only, for 2022. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to have a special meeting on December 20th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss bids for the new road next to Love's and purchasing land for a housing development. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to cancel the December 27th Council meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

The City is currently advertising for the Pool Manager position.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Nondorf commented on the amount of Christmas lights around town.

Doane Sells thanked the volunteers who help with Rocky Pond Christmas and recognized two firemen who recently resigned from the fire department; Scott Kasl and Junior Colon. The Fire Department is still waiting for the overhead doors at the fire house to be painted.

James Doyle thanked the firemen for their service.

Mike Palmquist also commented on how nice the lights at Rocky Pond look and encouraged everyone to go visit.

ADJOURNMENT:

James Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Russell Piroutek
City Clerk