

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, January 23, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

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

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek, Power Plant Operator John McChesney and City Attorney Jason Brinegar.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Jay Kallman, Larry Bruner, Darrell Conrade, Stephen Cavanaugh, Andrea Dusek and Brian Schultze.

OATH OF OFFICE:

The oath of office was given to Council elect Nick Cox.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9th, 2022 special Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9th, 2022 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Darrell Conrade and Stephen Cavanaugh of Midwest Public Risk presented information to the Council regarding insurance options for the City. After the presentation and short

discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have a proposal brought back to the City with a cost so the City can compare Midwest Public Risk's plan and the current plan.

A public hearing was held regarding the property at 901 N Street being a nuisance. Larry Bruner, property owner, provided his opinion to the Council, stating the City does not have Constitutional right to remove items from his property. Discussion continued between Mr. Bruner, the City Attorney and Governing Body. With no evidence being provided by Mr. Bruner, the hearing was closed. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-008, authorizing the City to abate the nuisance at 901 N Street. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. It was recommended that Law Enforcement accompany City staff when the cleanup is scheduled.

John McChesney provided an update on his trip to Houston to view engines that could be purchased for the Power Plant. He explained the different tiers of engines, and what modifications and testing would need to be done for each tier. He also gave an update on requirements for the building, cooling towers and overhead crane. The City will continue to gather information on which engine will work the best at the Power Plant

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1053, setting the landfill rates for City of Belleville customers. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a six month agreement between the City and Republic County Solid Waste for solid waste fees of \$13,341.20 per month. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a Special Event Cereal Malt Beverage License for the FFA Alumni banquet at the commercial building on January 28th, 2023. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Information was provided to the Council regarding a change in the interest rate for the Utility Low Interest Loan. The City was notified that the rate would change from 0.25% to 2.68%, increasing the interest paid on the life of the loan from approximately \$5,000 to \$30,000. Mike Palmquist made a motion to repay half of the amount due on the loan now, and the other half in 60 days. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-009, declaring support for the Belleville Community Pride. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, to include the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:54 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:09 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Jason Brinegar had recommendations for wording changes for underbilling and overbilling of customers. This will be put in ordinance form and brought back to a future meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City staff is still working on repairs to the radio that activates the wells.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor thanked City staff for the extra hours of snow removal.

Mike Nondorf also thanked the City staff for snow removal.

Doane Sells commented on the awards banquet and thanked the City crews and City Attorney for his advice during the meeting.

James Doyle mentioned he would like to see an update treatment plant put on social media and thanked City staff.

Mike Palmquist thanked John for his report on his trip to Houston and for City Attorney Brinegar on his responses during the public hearing.

Nick Cox commented on people's rights and thanked those who voted for him.

Mayor Robertson commented on his meeting earlier with the County commissioners and the employee awards banquet.

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 8:15 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk