

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, February 27th, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, February 27th, 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. Pastor Rick Snodgrass provided the opening prayer and comments. 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 and City Attorney Jason Brinegar.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass and Harley Schuster.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2023 special Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 13th, 2023 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. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A contract was presented to the Council, allowing the Wesleyan Church Youth to use the concession stands at the ballfields for Belleville City Rec games, starting after the school is

done with the fields/concessions. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson provided information regarding TIF and CID programs. Examples from other cities were included in the packet. All the Governing Body recognized the benefits in these types of programs and would like to see the City move forward with a CID. After more questions and direction from the Council, a new policy and resolution will be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

The Council discussed the Belleville City Recreation program. The City is looking at changing or possibly shortening the summer program. Other activities during the summer have caused the attendance on the Rec Bus to decrease. Ideas of different hours or shorter hours each day were discussed, along with an overall shorter program for the summer. In the end, the Council suggested bringing this to the Recreation Board for their recommendation.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1055, prohibiting the use of exhaust brakes within the City of Belleville. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

The City received an offer to purchase the parcel of land the City owns at 9th & M Street for \$2,500. After a short discussion on procedure on selling City property, Mike Palmquist made a motion to accept the price of \$2,500 for the parcel, while retaining the west 8 feet of the property and have a clause in the agreement that the property will revert back to the City if no improvements have begun on the property within 12 months. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council entertained the request purchasing a small lot on I street to be put in the Land Bank Program. After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to have the property owner pursue a private sale of the lot first.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

The Girl Scouts donated \$2,400 to the City to help with the purchase of a bench to be placed at the dog park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City staff, along with staff from Rural Water District #2 did a smoke test on the sewer system in the alley behind the City Office. Several issues were found in private businesses that will need attention.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Pam McGregor thanked the Council for their work on getting new housing in Belleville.

Doane Sells mentioned putting tax sales on the next agenda.

James Doyle asked for an update on the Water Treatment Plant. He also commented on all the campers in town.

Mike Palmquist commented on how many things are going on in Belleville.

Nick Cox asked to have a comprehensive pay plan done for the City.

Mayor Robertson thanked the Governing Body for having open minds on different things the City is looking at.

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 8:08 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk