

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, April 10th, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, April 10th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Governing Body met at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Nuisance Abatement Program with Nuisance Officer Scott McGee.

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.

ATTENDANCE:

Council members present: 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 Arlene Clayton.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 27th, 2023 regular Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist 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:

Chuck Westin thanked the City for what they do.

Arlene Clayton talked about the local banks and street crossings.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Council briefly discussed the Nuisance Abatement Program for 2023. Also discussed was making the Nuisance Officer a full time position with the city, along with other duties. For 2023, the City will update the contract with Scott McGee, to address a handful of properties, and will then discuss the full time position at budget time. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-018, appointing Scott McGee as Nuisance Officer for 2023. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. City staff will work with Scott to have a list of properties to look at.

The Council spent time discussing extending utilities to a property outside the City limits, but that abuts up to the current City limits. The Council felt that with any utility extensions, the property should be annexed into the City. Nick Cox made a motion to extend the utilities only if the property is annexed. After more discussion, City code already states that properties abutting up to the City limits must be annexed in with a utility extension. Nick Cox withdrew his motion. Staff will contact the property owner and inform him that his property will need to be annexed into the City limits.

The City was approached by the Chamber about grants for the Golf Course to purchase golf carts. The grants would have a much better chance of being awarded if the City would make a substantial contribution towards the carts. After some discussion, the Council felt it was not a good use of tax money, but would support the Golf Course in any other way they could. No action was taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a Cereal Malt Beverage license for the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, dba Fair Amusement, at the Beer Garden and Grandstands at the NCK Fairgrounds for 2023. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the water treatment plant. Contractors are still not on site, and it could be a couple weeks before they finish up their current job. However, they will now sub-contract the lagoons, so the treatment plant should still be on schedule to complete by the finish date.

Mayor Robertson stated that he would like to appoint the following officers:

- Chris Springer Police Chief
- Russ Piroutek City Clerk
- Jason Brinegar City Attorney
- Scott Condray Municipal Judge

Nick Cox made a motion to approve the recommended officers as presented by the Mayor. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel, for the purpose of performance evaluations, for 20 minutes, with the governing body and Mayor. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left for executive session at 7:50 p.m. The Council returned from executive session at 8:05 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Brinegar provided information on what items to include in a motion to go into executive session.

A draft letter was sent to staff for review regarding potential vacant building owners.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

Filing deadline for the Council and Mayor is June 1st, 2023

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Proceeds from the sale of the property by the city shop were received. It was the consensus of the Council to place those funds in the Landbank Fund.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Doane Sells commented on the City wide cleanup.

James Doyle mentioned the house tear down and apologized to the citizens for how long it has taken to get construction underway on the treatment plan

Mike Palmquist commented on the upcoming construction of the water treatment plant.

Nick Cox thanked the City employees and commented on taxes.

Mayor Robertson commented on how well the Easter egg hunt went and how well the Rocky Pond area looks.

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 8:22 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk