

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, June 26th, 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: Chris Springer, Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Arlene Clayton, Scott McGee, Brian Shultze and Catherine Doud.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12th, 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:

Arlene Clayton commented on the Farmer's Market.

OLD BUSINESS:

Scott McGee, Nuisance Abatement Officer gave an update on several properties whom he has been in contact with.

The property owner at 2030 J Street asked for an extension to have some vehicles removed. Mike Palmquist made a motion to grant an extension to August 14th, and at that time the Council will look at the property again. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The property owner at 1103 K Street also asked for an extension to remove some vehicles. Mike Palmquist made a motion to grant an extension to August 14th, and at that time the

Council will look at the property again. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Contact has been made with relatives of the property owner at 912 N Street, and they will be working on keeping the property maintained. The City will continue to monitor the property.

A list of Belleville Streets, including the year they were overlaid, was included in the packet. The Council briefly discussed the list and which streets will be done this year. Information will be made more available to the public through signage and on the website, on which streets will be worked on in the upcoming year.

NEW BUSINESS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for a one-cent per kilo-watt reduction for Bobo's Meats, for one year, to begin July 1, 2023. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Governing Body reviewed options for renewal of the City's health insurance plan with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. If the City stays with the same grandfathered plan it has been on for years, there is a reduction in premiums of 1.45%. The Council looked at other non-grandfathered options with lower deductibles to help make the costs more manageable for employees. These plans however, came with a higher premium and higher out of pocket cost. As an alternative, the Council discussed increasing the amount the City puts into each employees Health Savings Account. City Manager Anderson will bring back some numbers on how much this will affect the City's budget.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the City Manager, City Clerk and City Attorney, and return to regular session at 8:00 p.m. at the City Council chambers. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m. No action was taken.

A draft of the 2024 City budget was presented. The proposed budget would have a mil levy of 67.0, which is less than the current year, and under the revenue neutral rate. City Manager Anderson went through some items within the budget, and pointed out changes from last year. The budget will be finalized and approved at the next meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Brinegar gave an update on the vacant building letters.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The City installed a new gas line to the Courthouse for their generator.

The pool is being highly used this year. Costs may be up this year, as lifeguards are being paid more, but there have been very few complaints.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox thanked the employees for their work and assured that the Council will continue to work on employee benefits.

Mike Palmquist commented on how busy the pool has been, and how busy businesses are around the square during the day, evenings and on the weekends.

James Doyle thanked City staff for patching roads and thanked the community for stepping up and helping make Belleville a cleaner City.

Doane also thanked the employees for the work they do. There will also be a fishing tournament this weekend at Rocky Pond.

Mike Nondorf echoed everyone else's comments.

Pam McGregor thanked City Manager Anderson for his work on the budget. She also commended Pool Manager Loretta Cole for what she has done with the pool this year.

Mayor Robertson reassured that the Council is doing its due diligence with Economic Development opportunities in Belleville.

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 8:20 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk