

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, July 10, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, July 10th, 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 and Arlene Clayton.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 26th, 2023 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Arlene Clayton educated the Council on bindweed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A proposal was presented to the Council to increase the City contributions to the employee's Health Savings Account from \$1,200 a year to \$1,800 a year. This change would not affect the mil levy in the upcoming budget, and would be an alternative to changing the City's grandfathered Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance policy. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the changes presented, effective August 1, 2023. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the progress at the Water Treatment Plant. The lagoon is being filled with water, plans for a low water crossing were presented and concrete is being poured for the clear well. Contractors are still on schedule to finish in March. City staff is monitoring water usage, and at the current rate of consumption, the City will still be under allowed water rights by 30%-40%.

NEW BUSINESS:

The proposed 2024 budget was discussed. The current draft would keep the City under the revenue neutral rate for 2024. Mike Palmquist made a motion to stay within the revenue neutral rate for 2024. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Nick Cox made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-027, declaring the property at 610 23rd Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-028, declaring the property at 1002 20th Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a six-month agreement with Republic County Solid Waste for \$13,440.86 per month, for solid waste fees. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion for the council to adjourn to executive session to discuss Data Related to Financial Affairs for Trade Secrets of Seconded Parties, to include the City Council, Mayor, City Manager, City Attorney, and the City Clerk, and return to regular session at 7:50 p.m. in the Council Room. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left at 7:25 p.m. The Council resumed at 7:50p.m. with no action taken.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Brinegar presented notices to property owners who have failed to register their vacant buildings for approval:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a notice of failure to register a vacant building at 2743 N Street, which includes a \$500 penalty, and authorized the Mayor to sign the notice. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a notice of failure to register a vacant building at 1811 L Street, which includes a \$500 penalty, and authorized the Mayor to sign the notice. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a notice of a chronic vacancy of a building at 1902 M Street, which includes a \$5,000 penalty, and authorized the Mayor to sign the notice. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve a notice of a chronic vacancy of a building at 1503 M Street, which includes a \$5,000 penalty, and authorized the Mayor to sign the notice. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The City will now schedule a time with a locksmith and engineer to gain access to the buildings for inspection.

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 thanked the City Manager and City Clerk for their continuing push on projects, along with other staff.

James Doyle commented on the cleanup of some trees that had fallen recently.

Doane thanked the City Attorney for his work on the vacant buildings. He was also pleased with the use of the pool and splash pad.

Mike Nondorf echoed everyone else's comments.

Pam McGregor thanked Rec Director for a successful ball season.

Mayor Robertson thanked all the coaches and volunteers who helped with summer rec sports. He also commented that now might be a good time to look at improvements at Rocky Pond where there is an abundance of grant funds available.

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 8:10 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk