

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, July 24, 2023  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Mike Palmquist. Nick Cox was absent.

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

Others present: Jenny Russell, Harley Schuster, Travis Sanders, Chris Springer, Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Catherine Doud, Skylar Tuxhorn, Marlea James, Greg McGuire and Brian Schultze.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Travis Sanders, property owner at 1002 20<sup>th</sup> Street addressed the Council regarding a notice of violation he received, declaring his property a nuisance. He gave an update on his plans with the property, vehicles and constructing a shed and fence. The Council said if there is progress, being made, the Council will not take further action. Mr. Sanders will return in 90 days to give an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harley Schuster, Republic County Economic Development, presented information regarding a Rural Housing Incentive District. The Council looked at a couple examples of where this district could be, and ended up selecting an area on the west side of the square, from 18<sup>th</sup> Street

to 20<sup>th</sup> Street. After several questions from the Council, staff will bring back a Resolution to the next meeting to formalize the program.

An estimate to purchase and install 2 engines at the power plant was received shortly before the meeting from Peaker Services. The estimate was \$3 million for two 20-cylinder 2.5 MW engines installed. Power Plant operator John McChesney answered questions from the Council. There was concern that one engine would be in the building while the other would be on a skid next to the building and a number of items that were not included in the proposal. The City will have Steve Payne review the proposal and staff will contact Peaker Services to see if they can attend an upcoming meeting so more information can be provided.

An airport hanger contract was presented to the Council. The renter would like to split the cost of replacing the concrete in front of the hanger in exchange for a 10-year lease, with no cost. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the agreement as stated. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve a street closing permit from July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup>, on O Street, west of the fairgrounds, for the NCK Free Fair. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to waive any underbilling amounts for the Blair Theater, and pay them the budgeted amount of \$5,000 for 2023. Pam McGregor seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to appoint Breann Kollath to the Parks & Recreation Board. James Doyle 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 8:00 p.m. in the Council Room. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left at 7:45 p.m. The Council resumed at 7:50p.m. with no action taken.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Brinegar mentioned that the City will execute administrative warrants at 1902 M Street and 1503 M Street Wednesday morning, to conduct structure inspections.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson gave an update on the Kansas State University mobile vet bus that could help neuter feral cats in Belleville. Due to the number of cats they require, they may have to be taken to Clay Center instead.

Loretta Cole gave an update on City Recreation numbers and upcoming events at the swimming pool.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist thanked Loretta Cole for the job she has done with the swimming pool and rec program this year.

James Doyle thanked the Blair committee members who attended the meeting and hoped everyone has fun at the Fair.

Doane reminded everyone of the Vintage Nationals coming up this weekend.

Mike Nondorf also thanked everyone for their work.

Pam McGregor thanked the City crews for the removal of downed trees in the recent storm.

Mayor Robertson was thankful for the rain and thanked the community for the support of his family.

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 8:13 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk