

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, August 14, 2023  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Governing Body met at 6:00 p.m. to discuss upgrades at the Power Plant and an update on the Water Treatment Plant.

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, Doane Sells, James Doyle, Mike Palmquist and Nick Cox. Mike Nondorf was absent.

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

Others present: Jenny Russell, Waylon Sheetz, Chris Springer, Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Catherine Doud, Guy Abbitt, Arlene Clayton and Mikel Hadachek.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 24<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:

Arlene Clayton provided information on her family.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-029, designating a Rural Housing Incentive District within Belleville. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

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 7:20 p.m. in the Council Room. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left at 7:07 p.m. The Council resumed at 7:20p.m. with no action taken.

A public hearing was held to hear comments from the public regarding the 2024 City budget. Comments regarding the street repair budget were made by Arlene Clayton. The Council also discussed a request from the Blair Theater to increase their donation to \$7,500 for 2024. James Doyle made a motion to have the donations increased from \$5,000 to \$7,500 for the Blair Theater in 2024, to be paid out of the Sales Tax Fund, once the underbilling issue was resolved. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. With no other comments or discussion, the public hearing was closed.

Doane Sells made a motion to adopt the 2024 budget as presented. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Administrative warrants were executed at 1902 M Street and 1503 M Street, with two other properties submitting their vacant building registration. With the Council's blessing, City Attorney Brinegar will research what it takes for him to conduct a tax sale on behalf of the City on certain properties.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Pool's last day was yesterday. City crews are extending utilities on the road by Love's.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox thanked the City employees and commented on the success of the fair this year. He also addressed the City taking action on John Moe's buildings.

Mike Palmquist thanked the community for the support of the fair and also addressed the buildings downtown.

James Doyle thanked all the pool employees and was pleased with the number of midnight swims the pool had. James also thanked all the volunteers it takes to make the fair run.

Doane also thanked the fair volunteers and gave a report on the Fishing Derby.

Pam McGregor was pleased with how successful the summer activities were.

Mayor Robertson shared information on a school supply drive organized by the Cluver Family. The community's support of the drive was very positive, with dozens of children and many teachers receiving supplies for school. He also commented on the City's commitment to Economic Development and the improvement of 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 7:54 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk