

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, August 28, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, August 28th, 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, City Attorney Jason Brinegar and Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Chris Springer, Fred Arnold, Rick Snodgrass, Arlene Clayton, Catherine Doud, Loretta Cole, Sam Alexander, Deanna Morris, Chris Farabee and Kevin Devalkanere.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14th, 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 Qantas Airlines and abandoned properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Farabee and Kevin DeValkanere, with Farabee Mechanical Inc (FMI) presented information about installing a new engine or engines at the Power Plant. They answered questions from the Council and provided a ball-park estimate of costs. No action was taken.

Sam Alexander, Belleville Chamber & Main Street, provided information regarding improvements to the band shell. The chamber would like to see the addition of a sound system, lighting, paint and a shade system, with funding coming from grants. To help with grant opportunities, they asked the City to designate matching funds. After some discussion from the Council, Mike Palmquist made a motion to allocate up to \$50,000 for matching funds for the band shell, contingent on the awarding of grants. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of five (5) yeas and one abstain by Doane Sells.

The Governing Body briefly discussed the Recreation Advisory Board, and how it has transformed over the years. It was also questioned whether it should revert back to a Recreation Commission. James Doyle 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, City Clerk and Rec Director Loretta Cole, and return to regular session at 8:23 p.m. in the Council Room. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left at 7:47 p.m. The Council resumed at 8:23 p.m. with no action taken.

James Doyle made a motion to approve an application for the use of the down town lot for a Fall Festival on October 31, 2023. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-030, abating the conditions at 1103 K Street and Resolution No. 2023-031, abating the conditions at 2030 J Street, both on or after October 15, 2023. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the following Resolutions to abate nuisance properties:

- Resolution 2023-032 – 2019 H Street
- Resolution 2023-033 – 2115 H Street
- Resolution 2023-034 – 1315 20th Street
- Resolution 2023-035 – 2018 H Street
- Resolution 2023-036 – 2019 G Street
- Resolution 2023-037 – 610 23rd Street

Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Nick Cox made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-038 declaring the property at 912 N Street a nuisance, and Resolution No. 2023-039, declaring the property at 910 a nuisance. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Nick Cox made a motion to approve the following Resolutions, setting a public hearing for an unsafe structure:

- Resolution 2023-040 – 1503 M Street
- Resolution 2023-041 – 1610 20th Street
- Resolution 2023-042 – 1601 L Street

Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Randy Skocny to the Belleville Housing Authority for a four-year term. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council briefly discussed the upcoming City Manager evaluation. It was the consensus of the Council to use the September 11th pre-meeting to discuss the status of various projects and then go into executive session to conduct the evaluation.

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 City Clerk, and return to regular session at 9:00 p.m. in the Council Room. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left at 8:44 p.m. The Council resumed at 9:00 p.m. Mike Palmquist made a motion to allocate \$10,000 of the budgeted \$30,000 under the 2024 Economic Development budget to go to the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Thanks was given to the City workers for their work in the heat and late night repairs, along with the City Attorney and the cooperation of the Council for the topics discussed this evening.

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 9:11 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk