

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room. The Governing Body met at 6:00 p.m. to discuss completed and current projects within the City. Information about STAR bonds was also presented.

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.

ATTENDANCE:

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, Catherine Doud, Jenny Russell, Don Wagner and Cliff Gamblin.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 28th, 2023 regular Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don Wagner and Cliff Gamblin, with Foley Equipment, presented information to the Council regarding CAT engines for the Power Plant. After numerous questions from the Council, it was decided to visit both Stockton and LaCross Power Plants where these types of engines have been installed or are being installed.

Nick Cox made a motion to approve an application for a parade permit for the Homecoming Parade on September 22nd, at 2:30 p.m., around the Courthouse square. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Nick Cox made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1060, adopting the Uniform Public Offense Code, version 2023 and Ordinance No. 1061, adopting the Standard Traffic and Ordinance, version 2023. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion for the council to adjourn to executive session to discuss Employer/Employee relations and negotiations, to include the City Council, Mayor and City Attorney, to return to regular session at 7:55 p.m. in the Council Room. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Council left at 7:37 p.m. The Council resumed at 7:55 p.m. No action was taken out of executive session.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-043, setting the terms and conditions of employment of the City Manager, amending section c to read as follows: "City agrees to pay Employee for his services rendered pursuant hereto an annual base salary of \$80,000.00 (Eighty Thousand Dollars) payable in equal installments at the same time as other employees of the City are paid". Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The Council briefly discussed the water rates for large users who are hooked up to hydrant meters. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-044, setting the water usage rate for hydrant meters at \$10 per 1,000 gallons and a meter deposit fee of \$1,500, effective immediately. Doane Sells seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

An update will be given at the next meeting regarding tax sales.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Anderson thanked the Council for renewing his contract for another year. He also stated that the City is still being questioned on how much water is being used. He reported that at the end of August, the City has still not used half of the water rights given.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

All Council members gave thanks to the City Manager and City Attorney for all their help.

Mike Nondorf commented on how nice the cemetery looked.

Doane Sells commented on how nice the City looked over the Labor Day weekend.

James Doyle thanked all the City employees and mentioned how nice Rocky Pond looks.

Mike Palmquist asked to remember all those who were affected by the September 11th bombings, 22 years ago.

Nick Cox also thanked the City employees and mentioned those employees with special skills should be compensated for what they do.

Mayor Robertson wanted to recognize two former employees who recently passed away; Don Danielson and Verlin Farley. He was also pleased to see the City Manager's contract approved for another year.

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 8:12 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk