

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, November 13, 2023  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, November 13, 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 Amos McCarthy 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 and City Attorney Jason Brinegar.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Amos McCarthy, Jenny Russell, Harley Schuster, Katy Duryea and Colleen Eberle.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 23<sup>rd</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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Katy Duryea was introduced as the interim Chamber Director. Her hours will be 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, and can be reached by phone anytime.

Coleen Eberle with Eberle Studios presented information to the Council regarding promotional videos for the City. Ms. Eberle showed examples of other videos and discussed the direction the City would like to go. The Council had many questions, but the consensus was to move forward. The Governing Body will need to decide on length of videos, number, dialog and content.

An updated proposal was presented to the Council regarding an incentive for new houses built in Belleville. The proposal mirrors the County's in many ways. The City would have up to

\$10,000 in incentive, with utility connections taken out of the \$10,000, and the remainder given to the applicant when the house is completed. Funds would be held at one of the local banks until completion. Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the incentive, with the addition of “no application will be approved based on the structure being a mobile home, evidenced by a motor vehicle permit.” James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-050, designating land north of Love’s Travel Stop as a public street. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 20023-051, designating an additional RHID District, just south of the City Park. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1062, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 1503 M Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll-call vote. City Attorney Brinegar mentioned he will work on having items removed from the structure prior to demolition.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1063, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 1610 20<sup>th</sup> Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll-call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1064, authorizing the removal of an unsafe structure at 1601 L Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll-call vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the low bid of \$29,000 from Diehl Enterprises to remove the structure at 1503 M Street. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

A incident report form was submitted to the Governing Body from Scott Specialties, Inc requesting payment of \$555.00 in damages during a recent power outage. After some discussion, Mike Palmquist made a motion to reimburse Scott Specialties for the amount requested. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1065, amending City code for billing adjustments. The amendment will allow any underbilling or overbilling of \$500 or less to be handled by the City Manager in house. Any underbilling or overbilling more than \$500 will be addressed by the Governing Body. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-052, supporting an application for funding through the moderate-income housing program offered by the State of Kansas. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for consultation with an attorney on matters that would be deemed privileged in an attorney-client relationship, with the Mayor, Council and City Attorney, and return to the Council room at 8:05 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:58 p.m. The Council returned at 8:05 p.m. No action was taken.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session to discuss data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the Mayor, Council, City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:15 p.m. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:06 p.m. The Council returned at 8:15 p.m. No action was taken.

### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist commented on Rocky Pond and the utility audit. He also stated it was time to focus on the Power Plant.

James Doyle echoed the items Mike had mentioned and looked forward to Rocky Pond Christmas.

Doane Sells talked about the 7<sup>th</sup> grade essay competition.

Mike Nondorf agreed with the others.

Pam McGregor commented on the Rocky Pond Christmas getting bigger and bigger each year.

Mayor Robertson shared an email he sent to the Republic County Hospital. He also followed up on the lunch he had with the Lt. Governor.

### 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 8:25 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk