

City of Belleville
City Council Meeting
Monday, November 27, 2023
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, November 27, 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: Fred Arnold, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass, Arlen Clayton, Denis Miller and Dominic Shultz.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2023 special Council Meeting. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 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 shared her concerns regarding endangered species.

NEW BUSINESS:

John McChesney gave updates on the engines at the power plant. The oil cooler on #5 will be worked on to get the engine back up and running so the City's capacity payment can be resumed to its full amount. Engine #4 was also discussed. An option for a new engine was found in Houston. This engine along with one IDS currently has could add approximately 5.3 MW to the power plant. Most likely engines number 6 and number 7 would be retired. The Council directed John to coordinate with Steve Payne to travel to Houston to look at the engine at their earliest convenience.

Nick Cox made a motion to schedule a public hearing on December 11th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the amendment of the 2023 budget. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to cancel the December 25th, 2023 Council meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Expenses for sidewalk improvements in 2023 were presented. Of the \$15,000 allocated in 2023, only \$3,825.56 has been spent. The Council wanted to see the unused amount be set aside for a special sidewalk project. After some discussion of how to allocate the money, and where to use it, the matter will be discussed at the first meeting in January, when the yearly allocation is approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 7:40 p.m. Nick Cox seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:30 p.m. The Council returned at 7:40 p.m. No action was taken.

Denis Miller, Mapes & Miller, LLC, provided the 2022 audit report to the Council. Mr. Miller reviewed the City funds and touched on items that need to be corrected. Nick Cox made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Nick Cox commented on the 2022 audit, proper behavior during public comment and on social media and thanked the City employees.

Mike Palmquist thanked John McChesney for his report on the power plant.

James Doyle commented on Christmas on the Square, and thanked the volunteers who help with it.

Doane Sells mentioned a number of community activities that have taken place or are scheduled to. He also commented on how nice Rocky Pond Christmas looks.

Mike Nondorf thought the Christmas Light Parade and Rocky Pond looked good.

Pam also mentioned how nice the Rocky Pond Christmas lights looked.

Mayor Robertson asked about having the Industrial Park registered with the State. He also commented on the City crews working through the snow Saturday evening, the Power Plant and Belleville promotional video.

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 8:22 p.m.

Russ Piroutek
City Clerk