

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday, January 22, 2024  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 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 Jacob Rice provided the opening prayer. 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, Brian Schultze, Chris Springer, Rick Snodgrass and Jacob Rice.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

James Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

An update regarding the Power Plant was given. Repairs are still being made to engine #5, which will hopefully be running soon. Other items mentioned were consideration of more fuel capacity if more engines were installed and an update on the overhead crane. The Council felt that the City should reach out to an engineer to conduct a master plan of the Power Plant.

NEW BUSINESS:

The City has received 3 quotes for a police vehicle. The quotes received were for a Dodge Durango, Chevy Tahoe and Ford Truck. After some discussion and questions answered by Police Chief Springer, Mike Palmquist made a motion to purchase a police package Dodge Durango from JR Audio in Holcomb, KS for \$58,366, with all lights and equipment installed,

being paid from the Equipment Reserve Fund. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried on a voice vote of four (4) yeas and one (1) abstain from Doane Sells.

The Council reviewed financials for the swimming pool for the last few years. Since increasing fees as discussed at the last meeting would not substantially increase the pool's revenues, the consensus of the Council was to leave the fees the same and review after each season.

Different ideas for the City's promotional video were discussed by the Council. Ideas mentioned included the fair, races, Rocky Pond Christmas, parades, car show, interviews, along with numerous other items. City Manager Anderson will meet with Grindstone on Wednesday to discuss these items with them.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to accept a six-month agreement with Republic County Solid Waste for \$13,481.61 per month for solid waste fees. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personal matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, Council, City Manager, City Attorney and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 7:50 p.m. James seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 7:37 p.m. The Council returned at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken.

#### CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

City Attorney Brinegar announced he will start having hours as he has acquired Bill Navis's law office, here in Belleville.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Governing Body was reminded about the City Awards Banquet on Wednesday.

#### COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mike Palmquist stated he was glad the frigid weather is done and thanked the crews for their work during the cold.

James Doyle wanted everyone to be careful as there might be freezing rain in the next couple days.

Doane mentioned that Kansas Pride has changed names to Kansas Community Empowerment.

Mike Nondorf also thanked the City crews for their work.

Pam McGregor was excited for the new businesses downtown and the future of Belleville.

Mayor Robertson commented on some trees that need to be trimmed at an intersection.

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 7:58 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk