

City of Belleville  
City Council Meeting  
Monday January 27, 2025  
Belleville City Council Room

The meeting of the City of Belleville Council was held on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville City Council room.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Adam Robertson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rick Snodgrass opened with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ATTENDENCE:

Council members present: Pam McGregor, Mike Nondorf, Doane Sells, James Doyle and Mike Palmquist. Diane Boman was absent.

City Staff present: City Manager Adam Anderson, City Clerk Russ Piroutek and Power Plant Operator John McChesney.

Others present: Fred Arnold, Jon Strowig, Rick Snodgrass, Tamera Roberts, Rod Woods, and Hans Hansen

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES AND DISBURSEMENTS:

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 regular Council Meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Doane Sells made a motion to approve the appropriations and disbursements. Mike Nondorf seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Tamera Roberts, Belleville Housing Director gave an informational report on Eastview and Grandview Apartments. Rod Woods, Chairman of the Board of Appeals and Convention and Tourism Board also gave a report on activities of both of those boards. Both answered questions from the Council, no action was taken.

John McChesney, Power Plant Operator gave an update on a meeting he recently attended in York, Nebraska regarding Capacity Payments. He also gave an update on the status of Engine #9.

James Doyle made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-004, regarding support for the Kansas Community Empowerment Program. Doane Sells Seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Mike Palmquist made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2025-005, declaring the property at 1325 15<sup>th</sup> Street a nuisance. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

The property at 1709 20<sup>th</sup> Street was discussed, but the Governing Body wanted to discuss it further with the City Attorney before any action was taken.

The property owner of the structure at 1710 20<sup>th</sup> Street made repairs as directed by the Council. Mike Palmquist made a motion to have an update on the property at the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting. James Doyle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Updated wording for the Housing Incentive Program was included in the packet. Items included on the updated policy were a nondiscrimination clause, wording regarding outstanding debts and denial of the application due to nuisance properties. The Council also wanted to add wording regarding the construction of sidewalks on the property that is approved for the incentive. This addition will be brought back to a future meeting.

The Governing Body discussed sidewalks between the Elementary School and High School. The plan moving forward will be to construct a portion of the sidewalk on O Street, from 23<sup>rd</sup> Street to the Christian Church, by City crews. Costs to continue the sidewalk on both O Street and P Street will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Council looked at examples of pole mount Christmas decorations to install from downtown to the viaduct on M Street. Staff was directed to bring back current quotes for the decorations and number needed.

A new leave policy was presented to the Council. It is proposed to switch the current sick/vacation leave accrual method to paid time off (PTO). Employees would still accrue at similar rates, but it could affect the maximum hours they could accrue. It is hoping this policy would provide better flexibility for the current employees and help recruit and retain future employees. Questions were answered regarding the policy, and more information will be brought to the next meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters of non-elected personnel, with the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:30 p.m. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:20 p.m. The Council returned at 8:30 p.m. No action was taken.

James Doyle made a motion to go into executive session for data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, with the Mayo, City Manager and City Clerk, and return to the Council room at 8:45 p.m. Mike Palmquist seconded the motion, which carried

unanimously on a voice vote. The Governing Body left for executive session at 8:32 p.m. The Council returned at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Anderson spoke with County officials about upcoming tax sales. The County is working on it, but no date has been set.

COUNCIL MEMBER/MAYOR COMMENTS:

James Doyle commented on the many activities going on in the community.

Done Sells mentioned the tax sale and Fire Department.

Pam McGregor stated she was happy to see direction on the sidewalks between the schools.

Mayor Robertson commented items discussed during Kansas Government Day that was recently attended.

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 8:55 p.m.

Russ Piroutek  
City Clerk