

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
October 7, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm, Council Chambers, City Hall by Mayor Fitzgerald

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald. Commissioner Hedrington was absent.  
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present  
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present  
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes  
Department Heads in attendance:  
Wastewater Superintendent Jeff Reininger  
Police Chief Truman  
Street Superintendent Steve Haas  
Community Development Director Shawna Henthorn

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Fitzgerald and recited by all members present.

INVOCATION: Finance Director, Don Elliott delivered the invocation.

APPROVE AGENDA: Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Diane LaForge and Roxanne Smith were present from 50 North. Ms. LaForge said this group has been meeting since 2018. 50 North is a group for anyone over 50 years of age. The group meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1 pm at the Rockton Township Community Center and the Roscoe Township Community Center. Ms. LaForge said 50 North has a list of the programs on their Facebook page and on the emails that get sent out. The City has supported the group the last couple of years. 50 North requested continued support as it continues to grow. 50 North received \$5,000.00 last year. The board will discuss the amount before the next Council meeting for approval. 50 North would appreciate the support and to continue getting the word out. The funds will be used to offer more programs with entertainment.

Pam Osborne was present from Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful. Ms. Osborne was looking for approval for the agreement. If approved, the 1<sup>st</sup> day will be November 9, 2024. Mayor Fitzgerald voiced concern with the cost for disposing the TV's may scare people away. Ms. Osborne said they talk to people on the phone and they know how to talk to them. The charges for disposal come from IEPA to make manufactures more responsible for making sure the electronics are being recycled appropriately. Ms. Osborne added Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful has junk haulers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
1. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2024. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:  
1. Finance:

Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the claims paid from September 14 – October 4, 2024 in the amount of \$341,958.79. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

2. Attorney Report:

3. Reports:

City Administrator Report and Staff Report  
Accounts and Finance-Commissioner Ryan Adleman  
Health & Public Safety-Commissioner Ken Morse  
Streets & Public Improvement-Commissioner Brian Hedrington  
Public Properties-Commissioner Courtney Prentice  
Mayor-Tom Fitzgerald

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2817 Amending Section 13, Special Uses, of Chapter 118, Zoning, Regarding City Council Votes on Planning & Zoning Commission Decisions Relating to Special Uses. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said this clarification of the language to the Zoning Code to match the State Statute. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2818 Amending Chapter 62, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article III, Offenses Against the Public Peace and Safety, by Adopting Section 62-60 to be Entitled “Public Camping” and amending Chapter 62, Article III, Section 62-47, “Loitering”. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski said the draft was suggested by Illinois Municipal League that came after the State Supreme Court dealing with communities regulated to those who choose to camp in Public Parks for an extended time. Regulating as a nuisance along the river and stateline, and on public property only. Mayor Fitzgerald said we are just pushing the problem to someplace else, and we need to find a solution. Code Enforcement and Police Chief have both reviewed this Ordinance. Roll call votes showed 5 ayes.
- c. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Ordinance 2819 Authorizing the sale of property owned by the City. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Police Chief Truman said these are 3 squad cars with high miles. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6560 Approving a Hotel Motel Fund Tax Agreement with Visit Beloit, Inc. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6561 Approving a Service Agreement with Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- f. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6562 Authorizing the City to enter into a Franchise Agreement with Spectrum Mid-American, LLC, locally known as Charter Communications, LLC. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6563 Approving a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Illinois Council of Police with regards to all Full-Time Laborers and Operators employed in the City’s Streets, Waste Water or Public Property Departments. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski reviewed the changes to the Agreement. Roll call vote showed 4 ayes and 1 present by Commissioner Hedrington.
- h. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6564 authorizing the appointment of member to the Parks & Recreation Board. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:09 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss Pending Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss collective negotiating matters as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
3. Discuss the purchase or lease of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 7:04 pm.

ROLL CALL:

Roll call showed all members previously at the meeting at the reconvening of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 7:04 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Morse. Voice vote carried the motion.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

Approved: