

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2024

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

ROLL CALL: Present & answering to roll call were Commissioners Adleman, Hedrington, Morse, Prentice, and Mayor Fitzgerald
City Attorney Roxanne Sosnowski was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
Police Chief Adam Truman
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Fire Chief Jason Griffin
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 Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 4, 2023, the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 18, 2023, the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on December 18, 2023, the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 30, 2023, the Minutes of the Public Meeting held on November 6, 2023, the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 13, 2023, the Minutes of the Public Hearing held on November 27, 2023, and the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 27, 2023. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICER

1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims paid from December 16 - 28, 2023 in the amount of \$589,650.02. Commissioner Prentice 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

Fire Chief, Jason Griffin provided a detailed report regarding the South Beloit Fire Department staffing issues, the attempts to combine with a number of other local Fire

agencies, and the efforts to likely combine services with the Town of Beloit. Chief Griffin and Commissioner Morse spoke about the nationwide staffing situation.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6496 authorizing the 2024 MFT Streets Project. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. City Engineer Brandon Boggs explained the Resolution is required from the Illinois Department of Transportation to allow the city to be able to spend the Motor Fuel Transportation (MFT) funds in the amount of \$750,000.00 for the 2024 Street Project. Roll call showed 5 ayes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 5:44 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Prentice the council approved going into Executive Session. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. The purpose of Executive Session is to:

1. Discuss personnel issues as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.
2. Discuss the purchase of real property as provided by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION:

At 6:34 pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURN:

At 6:34 pm on a motion by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: