

CITY OF SOUTH BELOIT
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 7, 2022

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 Clayton Zamudio was present
City Administrator Sonya Hoppes was present
City Clerk Tracy Patrick recorded the minutes
Department Heads in attendance:
WWTP Superintendent Jeff Reiningger
Street Superintendent Steve Haas
Police Chief Adam Truman
Fire Chief Jason Griffin

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

INVOCATION: Police and Fire Chaplain Dan Herman 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 Morse made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2022. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Voice vote carried the motion.

REPORT OF OFFICERS:
1. Finance:
Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the claims to be paid from October 15-November 4, 2022 in the amount of \$433,497.33. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
2. Reports:
City Administrator Report and Staff Report
Jenny Blocker from Benning Group was present to present the 2021 Audit Report to Council.
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

ORDINANCES-SECOND READ:
a. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2712 amending Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages, Article III, Retail License, Section 6-82, of the City of South Beloit Code of Ordinances to limit the number of "BG" Licenses within the City. Commissioner Morse second the motion. Commissioner Adleman said he believes there are enough standalone gaming locations, and the City needs to put a limit on the BG Boutique Gaming Liquor Licenses. Commissioner Adleman said he

believes anyone wanting to have a BG License should bring something else into the City if they will be benefiting from slot machines. Mayor Fitzgerald asked if there were any current interested parties wanting to apply for a BG License. Clerk Patrick said there are 2 parties who want to apply for BG Licenses. Mayor Fitzgerald said he thinks it's unfair to those who are currently interested and voiced his concern with the amount of funding the City gets from the gaming machines. Commissioner Hedrington suggested Council consider capping the number of BG Licenses to 15. Council discussed other municipality comparisons to the number of machines and locations in South Beloit. Commissioners Morse said he agrees with Commissioner Adleman. Roll call vote showed 3 ayes and 2 nays by Commissioner Hedrington and Mayor Fitzgerald.

ORDINANCES-FIRST READ:

1. Discussion and/or Motion Items:

- a. From the Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting held on October 17, 2022 a positive recommendation was given regarding a Special Use Permit in the Commercial Traffic Zoning District (CT) to allow a Planned Unit Development for Electronic Sign (animated monument) in excess of height and square footage for the property commonly known as 57XX Manchester Road/Oakfield Parkway, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County with PIN No's. 04-03-326-001, 04-03-401-003, 04-03-401-004, and 04-03-401-005. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Ordinance 2714 approving a Special Use Permit in the Commercial Traffic Zoning District (CT) to allow a Planned Unit Development for Electronic Sign (animated monument) in excess of height and square footage for the property commonly known as 57XX Manchester Road/Oakfield Parkway, South Beloit, Illinois, Winnebago County with PIN No's. 04-03-326-001, 04-03-401-003, 04-03-401-004, and 04-03-401-005. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to move the item to the 2nd Read. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. Roll call vote to approve Ordinance 2714 showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to waive the 2nd read for Ordinance 2715. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Ordinance 2715 approving and authorizing the City to enter in to a Lease Agreement with Warner Electric, LLC regarding XX Gardner Street. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

RESOLUTIONS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6375 approving Estimated Tax Levy Amounts. Finance Director, Don Elliott said the resolution for Truth in Taxation is necessary since the City will not exceed the aggregate extended 2021 real estate taxes by 5% or more. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- b. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6376 approving an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT regarding Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Attorney Sosnowski asked Council to layover the item until the next Regular Council meeting due to certain language that needs to be amended. Commissioner Prentice made a motion to layover Resolution 6376 second by Commissioner Adleman. Voice vote carried the motion.
- c. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6377 approving the City to accept a Quit Claim Deed from Warner Electric, LLC. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- d. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6378 amending the snow plowing contract with Synergy for 2022-2023. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- e. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6379 approving an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of South Beloit

and the City of Beloit for sharing of pavement striping costs. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. City Engineer, Brandon Boggs explained the cost amounts for the project. After discussion and review of the amounts, Commissioner Prentice made a motion to approve Resolution 6379 amending the payment to the amount of overages owed by South Beloit to \$2,525.95, Exhibit A, and the respective Paragraph to specify that South Beloit will pay \$2,525.95 for its portion of overages.

Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

- f. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6380 authorizing Fehr Graham to apply for an EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- g. Commissioner Adleman made a motion to approve Resolution 6381 authorizing and approving Fehr Graham to apply for an EPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant for the Shirland Avenue site. Commissioner Prentice second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- h. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to approve Resolution 6382 approving the purchase of 1 Police Squad Car for delivery in 2023. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.
- i. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve Resolution 6383 approving a potential sign on bonus for Paramedic candidates for the Fire Department. Commissioner Adleman second the motion. Administrator Hoppes said the bonus incentive is to help attract applicants for the Fire Department but would only apply to Paramedics. The payout would be made over a certain period of years. Commissioner Morse said the cost of the sign on bonus is far less than the cost of sending someone to paramedic school and the cost of someone else to cover their hours while that employee is attending paramedic school. Fire Chief Griffin explained recruiting is a national issue. There are other local Fire Departments that have the same issues attracting applicants. Currently the department is being used as a steppingstone. The bonus would ensure the likelihood of retaining the applicant for more than the time it takes them to go through paramedic schooling. Attorney Sosnowski made recommendations Council could consider for payments for a payout. Administrator Hoppes said the amounts could be considered at the next meeting. Chief Griffin would like to propose amounts to the Board of Fire and Police Commission prior to Council's approval. Commissioner Hedrington made a motion to layover the item second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve hiring 1 officer to replace retiring officer for the Police Department. Commissioner Hedrington second the motion. Roll call vote showed 5 ayes.

MISCELLANEOUS

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

1. Miscellaneous License's:
 - a. J & J Ventures

Commissioner Morse made a motion to approve the license second by Commissioner Hedrington. Voice vote carried the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:14 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Morse second by Commissioner Prentice the council approved going into Executive Session. 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

RECONVENE TO

OPEN SESSION:

At 7:15 pm

ROLL CALL:

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

ADJOURN:

At 7:16 pm on a motion made by Commissioner Adleman second by Commissioner Prentice. Voice vote carried the motion.

Mayor

City Clerk

Approved: